

PAPERS
OF
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Ky.
So. Union,

Scenes and Incidents

Appertaining

to the War at or near

South Union. Ky.

Taken

from the writings

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15<sup>th</sup> Thursday. To day Livonia Roberts moved from the East family to the Center. Ella Franklin moved from the Center to the North Family.

16<sup>th</sup> Friday. To day our goods came down on the evening train. Br Urban bought us a nice little leather satchel a piece (B & N) and a superb clock, which tells the hour, the day of the week, the Month, the day of the Month, &c;

17<sup>th</sup> Saturday. To day Elder Hervey set up the Clock in our shop.

21<sup>st</sup> Wednesday. A company of soldiers called at the East family to stay over night.

22<sup>nd</sup> Thursday. Last night about 10 O'Clock some robbers came to the East house, & hoisted the front window of the Sisters room; one of them mounted up, & was in the act of getting in at the window, when Sally Marks awoke & screamed out; which aroused Sarah Bailey, she sprang out of bed, & threatened him with a chair, so he crept back, & let the window slide down, they stood under the window & talked together for a time & were heard to say "Greenbacks".



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The Sisters went & roused the brethren; the robbers then left the house & got on their horses & rode west so far as the hedge back of the garden, & there they fired a gun or pistol; which we suppose was a signal for others. They rode off towards the Center family, they soon returned & this time three of the brethren were out, standing on the front steps, as soon as they saw the brethren, they turned their horses & rode towards the Center again, but soon returned & rode on as far as the East family's horse stable & they they halted, some of the brethren showed themselves there, so they rode on East. The brethren had to watch & guard the Stables & house the balance of the night.

This same night James Buchanman & Hervey Booker, were up attending the dry kiln at the North family; two of the robbers were seen by them prowling about there. Hervey asked them what they were after; one of them presented his pistol at him; Hervey being somewhat deaf & of a fearless disposition; said to him, what did you do that for? they made no reply but left.

This afternoon a company of soldiers (Cavalry) 29 or 30 passed thro' our Village going West.

23<sup>rd</sup> Friday. To day a company of 25 or 29 Cavalry

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passed thro' our village going up the Country.  
 25<sup>th</sup> Sabbath. To day we are informed that bands of guerillas have turned up in different parts of Ky, again. Last week a company of them were prowling about down below; at Gordonsville & Adairsville, stealing horses &c; And another company have dashed in up above, at Greensburg & Bardstown, & robbed the bank of \$40,000, besides robbing stores of such things as they needed.

We are also informed that a company of Federal Cavalry from Russellville, were sent in pursuit of the thieves & overtook & had a skirmish with them killing four of the guerillas.

In the afternoon a company of 50 Cavalry and a Battery of 4 cannon, 8 horses to each cannon, with ammunition wagons &c; There were 16 other wagons, carrying their tents, baggage, provision, &c; &c; They came from Russellville & are moving up the Country.

Later in the evening a little after four O'clock, a company of 128 Infantry came marching up in rank & file, untill the main body of them were fronting the meeting & center houses, when from a signal from one of the Officers, they all laid down their arms & packs, took seats on the walks



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and fences on each side of the street; and rested themselves about ten minutes. The brethren started to the cellar to get them some apples, but before they could return with them, the Officers ordered them to rise & move on, some lingered behind & among <sup>them</sup> they emptied two or three baskets, but the Officers hurried them on; They said, they were going to camp for the night a few miles East of our premises. There were some straggling soldiers passing thro' our village untill 10 O'Clock at night. They say they are going to reinforce Burnside's Army.

26<sup>th</sup> Monday. This morning a little before 4 O'Clock a company of about 400 Cavalry passed thro' our street going West, & yesterday a large company of Infantry, went up towards Bowling Green on the Cars.

27<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. To-day a little after 12 M. another company of Cavalry came up from below & passed thro' our village on their way to B. G.

30 Friday. An account of two Brothers James & Tom Morrow. A man by the name of Trigel came here to day, & told Bro. Solomon that last night, Tom Morrow (Rebel) came with a gang of guerillas to his brother James's house,

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which is a little way out of Town (Russellville) and stole a span of fine horses & all of his negroes & captured his brother James—who is a Captain in the Federal Army. They then fled & no one can tell where. It is said, that Tom was a notorious horse thief before this war broke out, and such are fit subjects for rebel guerillas. Tom is Captain of his gang.

To day a small company of soldiers (Cavalry) passed thro' our street going towards B. Green.

31<sup>st</sup>. Saturday. To day another small squad of Cavalry came up from below & passed thro' our village on their way to B. G.

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1<sup>st</sup>. Sabbath. About five O'clock in the morning the horizon was perfectly clear, with the exception of a dark cloud low down in the East. As the day advanced, a fog arose, & spread a thick mist, but finally, it turned out a very pleasant day.

According to a previous arrangement between Dr. Curd & Elder Hervey, the public meeting was to be held south of the Pine Grove. The Doctor having requested this privilege, so as to make known to believers, his peculiar notions con-



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cerning the God-head & imputed righteousness &c, &c.

As before stated the weather appeared so unfavorable, it was concluded for the Sisters not to go, but all the brethren who wished to attend had full liberty. After Lord commenced Elder Hervey took notes of what he said, & will explain and unravel them at some future time in the Meeting House. He advised the congregation of this, & requested their attention for two or three Sabbaths, when the weather was favorable, to hear what he had to say on the subjects.

The world people behaved badly & paid but little attention to the Dr<sup>s</sup> speaking, he requested them & exhorted them several times, to give attention for a few minutes, but they were too much carried off with their courtships & plays to pay much attention to the speaking.

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday. William Ware and Townsend landed at home safely this evening. Their returns of one thing needful are quite meager, they brought with them \$233 in "Greenbacks".

Late in the evening a train of Cars came down from above expressly to bring a company of Infantry down to Russellville, the Cars, were crowded

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both inside & on the top, they are to be stationed there for the present.

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. Another company of about 30 Cavalry came up from below & passed on thro' our village going East.

7<sup>th</sup> Saturday. To day Brother Patterson John was out at the Town of Franklin, Ky. While there, he learned there had been a skirmish with a party of 15 guerillas, & some Federal scouts of Colonel Johnson's company. They having learnt, that a company of guerillas were scouting round near Town, they started out in pursuit, & met with them a short distance from Town. Four of the Federals fired at them killing two men & one horse. A great many men who were acquainted recognized the body of one corpse to be that of Captain George Milligan, & the other was John Clark. G. Milligan was a near neighbor to us before the war commenced & a bitter enemy to believers. We have been informed several times since, he has been engaged in the rebel service, as Captain of a Guerilla band, & threatened to wreak vengeance in Shaker Town. But one side of helping to burn our depot, he has failed to carry his threats into



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execution; untill now, in his own work he is suddenly put beyond the reach to injure us. We dreaded him so much, & we might add more than any other rebel or enemy to us as people. But now we can say, Amen, so let it be.

8<sup>th</sup> Sabbath. In our public meeting to day there was a very respectable looking audience of Spectators, & they appeared to pay good attention to the speaking. Elder Hervey stepped out, & occupied the floor for nearly two hours, in expounding & opening up the different texts of Scripture, which was advanced by Dr Curd the previous Sabbath. Curd was there, & paid good attention, he took notes of what Elder Hervey put forth, but occasionally he would scratch his head. At the close of the meeting he requested Elder Hervey to notify the Spectators that he would preach at his own house that afternoon at three O'Clock, & wished the attendance of as many as could come conveniently.

While the Society were engaged in Public Meeting, a man called Bro<sup>r</sup> Solomon to one side and very confidentially informed him of a company of guerillas, who were now in this neighborhood, & he feared they intended to make a

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raid on this town to night, he said they might come in time of meeting, but he hardly thought they would come before dark.

About three O'Clock P.M. 6 Soldiers dressed in Federal uniform came to the fence & talked to the brethren, about those guerillas, said they were from Russelville, that they had heard of those guerillas, & were scouting round in pursuit of them.

9<sup>th</sup> Monday. To day we were informed by Mary Holland, who is a near neighbour to us that G. Milligan & John Clark, the previous evening to their death, had went, to a widow woman's house, which was situated about 10 miles from Franklin, & enquired for her two sons, who had enlisted in the Federal army. She told them they were not at home. As they left the one said to the other, we came too soon; we will try it again to morrow night. They were over heard saying this. The widow believing there was some evil design in their visit, & fearing they intended to capture or kill her sons, she went to Franklin & informed the military authorities of the circumstance. They immediately sent out soldiers in different directions who placed



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themselves in ambush, & as they came along, the Federals met & fired on them killing G. Miligan on the spot, four balls entering his body. John Clark was also shot, & his horse fell from under him, he ran into the woods, pulled off his overcoat, & then fell dead, his body was found & taken by the Federals.

Last night a company of soldiers with artillery wagons, passed thro' our village going west.

10<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. To day a little after 1 O'clock P.M. 25 Cavalry & 10 forage wagons with other soldiers passed thro' our village going to Newton McCutcheons for Hay.

11<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. To day in the forenoon the same Cavalry came back & stopped between the Office & Blacksmith's shop. They lounged about there for an hour or more. The Sisters accommodated them with some apples. They were waiting for the forage wagons to come on, which came thro' about 12 O'clock, Noon, filled with Hay. They halted front of the Center house, & called for some dinner. There were 31 who took of our hospitality.

13<sup>th</sup> Friday. To day a little after 4 O'clock P.M., a company of 20 Cavalry & 10 forage wagons passed thro' our village going to McCutcheons for the

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balance of his Hay, having been there last Tuesday & took ten loads & gave him no receipt for the same; they promised to go back for another turn, & then pay him or give him a receipt, which they did.

14<sup>th</sup> Saturday. To day in the forenoon a company of 22 Soldiers came down from Bowling Green with six more Forage wagons, they passed thro' our village, going to Dr Rheas for more Hay. About 1 O'clock P.M. the same company of Cavalry who passed thro' yesterday, returned with their wagons well packed with good looking Hay. They passed on with the exception of two or three, who called for a lunch in their hands, saying they were almost starved. They were fed with bread & meat, pie & milk.

About ten down those soldiers with the six wagons of Hay returned, & requested to stay over night & to be furnished with supper and breakfast, promising to pay for the same. They were directed to go over to the West Cow barn, to lodge in the hay mow, & the brethren provided wood to make a fire for those who were on picket duty.

15<sup>th</sup> Sabbath. Elder Lorenzo told us this morning



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that this company of soldiers acted very strangely, they would not tell their Leaders name, neither would they stay by the light of the fire after dark, & when the brethren took them their supper, they carried three candles over for them to see to eat by, but they would not allow more than one to be lit, & that was set on the ground & they all gathered close around it, so as to hide the light, & as soon as they finished eating they blew out the light. By their mysterious movements, it was evident they feared something, but they did not divulge it to us. When asked, why they did not stay over night with Dr. Rhea one answered that he was secessh & we prefer to stay with those of union sentiments.

This morning the Sisters cooked & prepared their breakfast & the brethren carried it over to them, they all ate & appeared well satisfied, & about 8 O'clock A.M. they started off towards Bowling Green, without paying one cent, or even giving a receipt. They left, still saying, that they would see that we were paid. But, they said boldly, that they would not pay Rhea for the Hay, for, said they, he is Secesh. And of course they can tell some one else, they do not intend to pay

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us, for their supper & breakfast, or they would have given the name of their Captain or Lieutenant, that we might have some clue to obtain it.

16<sup>th</sup> Monday. Five soldiers (Cavalry) passed thro' our village going East.

17<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. A little after 10 O'clock P.M. a small squad of soldiers with four wagons, passed thro' our village going to D<sup>c</sup> Rhea's for some more Hay. Some time after dark they returned & again called on us for quarters for themselves, & a lot for their wagons & teams. They were directed to the West-Barn, to lodge in the hay-mow. They, like the others, appeared to be afraid to tarry over night with any of our neighbors, as their company was so small, & our neighbors mostly Rebels. One of the company said, he would not put up for the night any where round in this vicinity, except here, for 100 dollars..

18<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. Clear weather & quite cold for the poor soldiers who had to lodge in the hay-mow for the night. This morning we furnished them with a comfortable breakfast. There were 9 of them. They paid two dollars for the company & left in quite a pleasant mood.



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Some time in the day, Dr Rhea came over to the Office, & confessed to Bro Urban, that he had talked very unwisely to those soldiers, telling them there was danger of the neighbors collecting together to capture or kill them; & such like talk purposely to frighten them & try their valor, as they were all young, & some were beardless boys. After he had run on in this way for some time, they demanded his guns to defend themselves with, they took both of his guns down, & were examining them when one went off, up thro' the loft of his house. He said he felt bad for talking & running on them as he did.

20<sup>th</sup> Friday. Five soldiers (Cavalry) passed thro' our Village going West.

21<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Another Train of Army wagons, with soldiers passed thro' our Village going down to Russellville, to be stationed there for awhile.

22<sup>nd</sup> Sabbath. But a moderate concourse of spectators were in attendance to day to hear the preaching, but those who came appeared to pay good attention, Elders Robinson & Hervey were the speakers.

23<sup>rd</sup> Monday. To day an extra Train of 14 Cars, went down to Russellville for Soldiers, & after dark a little before 9 O'clock, they came whistling thro' our

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village in haste going up the Country, to Camp Nelson, beyond Lexington, Ky.

24<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. After dinner, Sister Irene went to the Henery to attend to some duty there, there she found a rough looking man dressed partly in Soldiers uniform, in the Hen house, looking round. When asked what he was after or wanting, he said he was hunting some water, he was told where he could get some, but did not go, but started off, & soon returned again for his bundle which he had hid in the weeds. We do not know but he is a miscreant after some mischief.

26<sup>th</sup> Thursday. This is the day set apart by President Lincoln, for the Nation to bow in thankfulness & prayer, to the Almighty ruler of the Universe, for the blessings we have enjoyed the past year. To day, at the hour of Ten. A.M. the Society attended meeting; each family in their own respective meeting room, to serve, & give thanks to Almighty God, for the bounteous harvest and blessings of the Earth, for the quiet & peace we have enjoyed while tumult & strife have filled the surrounding elements, For the protecting power of his over ruling hand towards us. And also to pray for ~~his~~ <sup>the</sup> lost & erring children of this world,



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that they may be made to see their wicked ways  
and speedily repent & turn there-from. Also, that  
we as a people may walk worthy to be blest  
with a continuance of his favor, mercy and  
kind protection. &c. &c.

### The Presidents Hymn.

Give thanks all ye people, give thanks to the Lord  
Alleluias of freedom with joyful accord  
Let the East & the West, North & South roll along  
Sea, Mountain & Prairie one thanksgiving song.

*Chorus* Give thanks all ye people give thanks to the Lord  
Alleluias of freedom with joyful accord.

For the sunshine & rainfall enriching again  
Our acres in myriads, with treasures of grain  
For the Earth still unloading her manifold wealth  
For the skies beaming vigor, the winds breathing health  
*Chorus.* Give thanks all ye people.

For the Nations wide table overflowing spread  
Where the many have feasted & all have been fed  
With no bondage their God, given rights to enthrall  
But liberty guarded by Justice for all.  
*Chorus.* Give thanks all ye people.

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In the realms of the Anvil, the Loom & the Plough  
Whose the Mines & fields, to Him gratefully bow:  
His, the flocks & the herds, sing ye hill sides & vales,  
On his Ocean domain, chant his name with the <sup>gales</sup>  
Chorus. Give thanks all ye people.

Of commerce & traffic ye Princes behold  
Your riches from him whose the silver & gold  
Happier children of labor, true Lords of the soil  
Bless the great Master, workman who blesteth your toil.  
Chorus. Give thanks all ye people.

Brave men of our forces, Life guard of our Coasts  
To your Leader be loyal - Jehovah of Hosts,  
Glow the Stripes & the Stars, eye, with pictory bright  
Reflecting his glory, he crowneth the right.  
Chorus. Give thanks all ye people.

Nor shall ye thro' our borders, ye stricken of heart  
Only wailing your dead in the joy have no part  
God's solace be yours, & for you there shall flow  
All that honor & sympathies & gifts can bestow  
Chorus. Give thanks all ye people &c.

In the domes of Messiah ye worshipping throng



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Solemn litanies mingle with jubilant songs  
The Ruler of Nations beseeching to spare  
And our Empire still keep the elect of his care.

Chorus. Give thanks all ye people, &c.

Our guilt & transgressions remember no more  
Peace, Lord, righteous Peace, of thy gift we implore  
And the banner of Union restored by thy hand  
Be the banner of Freedom ever all in the Land.

And the banner of Union

Chorus. Give thanks all ye people, &c.

26<sup>th</sup> Thursday. About these times the News Journals  
teem with the most awful, dreadful & shocking  
accounts of the sufferings of Federal soldiers, who  
are prisoners in the rebel dominions, confined  
in Libby Prison, Castle Thunder & Belle Island,  
in Richmond, Va. The news-Journals say,  
the Rebels have literally starved hundreds of them  
to death, in the course of a few weeks, & some  
have expired on their way home soon after they  
were released from the dirty prison, and there  
were many more, who were near death's door,  
have survived to testify to their sufferings and  
inhuman treatment. The same paper states—

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"Down in the South 800 dollars is not considered too high a price for a Lady's bonnet. A barrel of flour is worth 130 dollars. While coal beats our famine prices, two Tons are selling for 1000 dollars down in Dixie).

27<sup>th</sup> Friday. To-day the little boys who were gathering corn on the Stanley Farm, let the fire get into the woods & cornfield which caused quite an alarm. The fire swept the grass in the Cornfield but did not injure the Corn a great deal.

There being but few of the brethren at home, the Sisters & girls (who were able) put off in haste to help put out the fire & save the Corn, fences &c; from destruction, but John Perryman & the boys with the help of the Widow Norton's colored men had nearly conquered the flames, by the time the Sisters got there. The widow's farm joins ours, & was in great danger. There were only some 30 odd rails burnt, & some dead timber & leaves in the woods and the grass in the Cornfield.

30<sup>th</sup> Monday. Mercury  $9\frac{1}{2}$  deg above zero at sunrise.

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1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday. To day, Bro<sup>r</sup> Urban went up to B. C. to attend to some business, & while there, the Train arrived from Nashville with 14 cars filled with



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rebel prisoners. that were captured by General Grant, there were 700 in all, they were ragged & dirty; a great many of them were beardless youths & had the appearance of the lower rank of Southerners - pitiful to behold. The Federal Guard said, they did not appear to want to make their escape from them - said they had tried them, but they showed no desire to escape. They expect to bring a load of prisoners every day now, till all are brought in that Gen Grant has captured.

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday. Bro<sup>r</sup> Urban started on the morning Train to Louisville, to see if he can possibly get the copper brought on, which he bought some months since in New York City.

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. Mathew Houston came here to day with his daughter Nancy H - to see his old friends, the companions of his youth. We are informed that it was Mathew's design, when he left his home in Missouri, to come here and spend the remnant of his days in trying to make amends for the past. He is quite feeble & childish, yet he shows a humble penitent spirit.

4<sup>th</sup> Friday. To day at half past eleven O'Clock A.M., 19 soldiers passed thro' our Village, going West.

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We learned from Dr Rhea, that they went to his house, & demanded all of his able bodied negroes, he came over, he came over this evening & begged of Bro<sup>r</sup> Urban to intercede for him, but Bro<sup>r</sup> Urban declined meddling with it, so he put off to Jefferson, & told him how matters stood & said, you know I promised to let you have two hands to cut wood at the Black Lick for the Rail Road; so upon these conditions, Jefferson agreed to do what he could for him, if he would send on the hands to work. In this way, the soldiers let him off.

5<sup>th</sup> Saturday. The News-Journals report favorably to the Federal cause these days.

6<sup>th</sup> Sabbath. We are informed to day that guerillas are committing depredations in this neighborhood, stealing horses &c;

11<sup>th</sup> Friday. Our worthy Brother Patterson Johns, who stood, with Elder Robinson in the Elders lot, of the Gathering Order, was taken with a chill & faintness on Thursday night the 3<sup>rd</sup> Inst, which terminated in bilious fever & pneumonia, and after one week, severe suffering, he breathed his last to-day about ten minutes after one O'Clock P.M. aged 57 years & 6 months.

12<sup>th</sup> Saturday. The funeral ceremonies commenced



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at two O'clock P.M. the procession had to go in Carriages on account of the rain & mud. Elder Robinson had quite a gift in speaking, he seemed to be inspired on the occasion.

Many others spoke much to the purpose, both to the living & for the departed.

13<sup>th</sup> Sabbath. At half past seven P.M. the family assembled in the meeting room & were notified by Elder Hervey that the time of the year had rolled round for all to examine themselves and make a willing sacrifice of all their unguarded & evil deeds by bringing them to the light, by an honest confession & true heart-felt repentance, and a final forsaking.

15<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. Elder Hervey went on the morning Train to Bowling Green to see Judge Loving or some of the Officers, concerning the draft.

17<sup>th</sup> Thursday. Elder Hervey went again to Bowling Green, to consult the Officers or Lawyers concerning the young Brethren, who are liable to be drafted into the service, but they could not give him any satisfaction.

18<sup>th</sup> Friday. To day 11 Cavalry passed thro' our Village going East. They wore the Federal uniform.

19<sup>th</sup> Saturday. We have had a very cold day. Five more soldiers passed thro' our Village going East.

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They were also dressed in the Federal uniform. They were heavily armed, their horses were in good condition.

20<sup>th</sup> Sabbath. To day we take the yearly sacrifice.

25<sup>th</sup> Friday. Christmas day. At one O'clock P.M. we assembled at the meeting house, all the families were in attendance; & upon the whole we had a tolerable comfortable meeting. Elder Robinson & several others spoke well, but there was not so much of the truly devoted living zeal manifested in the youth as we had wished to see & feel.

Elder Lorenzo is now engaged fulling & dressing our cloth at the Mill & has to sleep there, to guard & protect it from thieves & robbers who are prowling about almost every where in these latter days. Later in the evening there were several of this class of human beings, seen lurking about the Mill, & among them were some noted rebels & one thief. After all had left, Dr. Curds big white bull dog came to the door, & into the house. Elder Lorenzo fed him & thought he would have his assistance if need be, seeing the dog appeared so friendly. He shut the dog up in the room with himself, when dark came on he became restless, &



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showed signs of wanting to go out, but he tried to pacify him by again feeding him; he ate the meat but was not pacified. He growled & finally snapped twice at the good Bro., & bit him on both arm & leg & then bantered him for a fight. He kept near the door in a growling attitude with his mouth open ready to leap right upon him, so that Lorenzo could not get to the door to open it: He took up a chair & whaled him over the head & knocked him down, but finding the chair insufficient for the battle which must ensue, he then got hold of a good hickory cudgel which he screws the press down with, & brought it down on him & by this means got the mastery of him & opened the door & drove him out. Just as he was driving the dog away; two men came riding across the bridge, & they put spurs to their horses & dashed off in haste, this was between 9 & 10 O'clock. So he was left to spend the night alone.

27<sup>th</sup> Sabbath. To day, just as the clock struck twelve three P.M. Sister Julia Powell breathed her last, she died of Pneumonia or winter fever. She was a member of the East family & has been among believers for nearly 25 years, a faithful

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good Sister to the best of our understanding. We feel the loss of all such. Seven deaths this year.

28<sup>th</sup> Monday. The funeral ceremonies commenced at two O'clock in the afternoon. The weather was so bad, but few could attend from the Church families.

30<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. To day Elder Hervey, Bro- Urban & Eli Mc were in Bowling Green & some of the most prominent citizens there, requested him to make a donation, to help furnish a dinner for the sick & convalescent soldiers in the hospital on New Years-Day.

31<sup>th</sup> Thursday. Jackson Mc Gown went up to B. G. on the morning Train, to inform the Provost Marshall, that our brethren who were subject to the draft, would not come up to report themselves without further orders. The Provost Marshall told him they need not come for he had received a Telegraphic dispatch from Washington which he Jackson did not get in full, but the substance is as follows. "If there is any religious Community within your district whose conscientious scruples abjure war, or the payment of the commutation fee, you will parole them



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indefinitely, still holding them ready for any demand from the authority here.

Edward M. Stanton  
Secretary of War.

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1<sup>st</sup> Friday. The Sisters in the Center & North families, unitedly prepared the following articles for the hospital in B. Green. 9 Loaves of bread, 4 baked Turkeys, 10 baked chickens, A quantity of fried crulls or doughnuts, 2 gallons of apple butter & sauce & catsup. Bro<sup>r</sup> Eli & Joseph Overitt took these provisions up to B. Green this morning. We received a lengthy letter from the beloved Ministry, of Mount Lebanon, this afternoon. It treated a good deal on the subject of the draft. In this letter we find the fulfillment of a Prophecy which was given to Believers in the East, something over 20 years ago, which was that Believers might (some of them) be chained & imprisoned for trying to obey their faith. This proves to be a very trying time to Believers everywhere, East, West, North & South. In fact, it is a time of affliction all over the United States.

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. The brethren have been engaged in cutting & hauling Ice, to store away for Summer use.

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which was good solid Ice, & nearly 4 inches thick. They hauled 25 wagon loads to the center, & 14 to the North.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sabbath. Mercury 17 degrees above zero at sunrise. It commenced snowing in the morning & continued to snow more or less all day.

4<sup>th</sup> Monday. The snow fell to the depth of 2 1/2 inches yesterday & last night, & this morning the mist comes down in granulated parcels like sleet & snow together. The brethren are engaged hauling Ice again to day. They finished filling both houses.

5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. Mercury 10 degrees above zero at sunrise.

6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. Mer. 2 1/2 deg above zero " " "

7<sup>th</sup> Thursday. Mer. 8 deg above zero " " "

8<sup>th</sup> Friday. Mer. 4 deg below zero " " "

We have had between 3 & 4 inches of snow this year, & it appears winter has come in earnest. To day about half after one O'clock P.M. we heard a loud & significant rap on the floor near the cupboard, which startled Eldress Betsy & I, (Nancy) for we could see nothing at all that caused the noise. It sounded somewhat like a powder cracker bursting.

9<sup>th</sup> Saturday. We heard another similar rap this afternoon, a little before one O'clock P.M. which



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was very singular & we could find no cause for it.

10<sup>th</sup> Sabbath. We, here, in the Center Family had a tolerable lively meeting, & towards the close we were called on to kneel down in gratitude & thankfulness to God for his mercy & manifold blessings, administered to us poor unworthy mortals thro' his agencies. And especially for the merciful dispatch from Washington given by the President & Secretary of War, to the Provost-Marshal of B. Green for the releasement of our brethren for the present.

11<sup>th</sup> Monday. A young woman whose name is Rebecca Ford came here to day in search of a home for herself & a little girl babe five weeks old. Wm Mc Herley a wealthy citizen of this district, came here to day, & Bros Urban said to him; Well, William, you know what it is to be subjugated. He replied, that I do, & then gave a history of what he had to endure from a band of guerillas or night robbers. He said a company of 15 or 20 of them, came to his house in the night & demanded admittance, which he promptly refused, being lame with a sprained ankle; but the intruders advised them to open the door or they would break

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it open, as Mr Herley was lame his wife rose from her bed & unbolted the door & they pushed in & demanded his money. He handed them the key of his vault, but they could not open it; with threats they forced him to rise from his bed & unlock it; when they got into the vault, they began to throw his papers about over the floor. He said to them, gentlemen, dont destroy my papers, for they will be of no use to you, then he told them there was no money in the vault; they ordered the old man with drawn Pistols & pointed bayonets to hand forth his money. He hobbled to his bureau & unlocked his little drawer & took out a roll of Green backs amounting to 751 dollars & 60 cents. & handed it to them. He said he had 4000 dollars in one of the lower drawers at the same time, which they did not get, & if they had asked him if he had any more, he thought he would have told a lie to save it. They then left his house & went to the house of a poor man of the name of McTernore, they broke in & demanded his money, he told them he had none. They scattered powder over his bed, & told him to deliver up the money or they would set the house on fire, his daughter became



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so frightened, she told them all that was there, belonged to her & she had to deliver it all up to them; which was \$250, to save the house from being fired. They then went to the house of Matt. Evans & there they made them rise from their beds, & ~~with threats~~ & with threats & much ado, they made him fork over \$400. And from thence they went to a fourth family, but we did not learn the particulars of what occurred. One of the gang took McHerley's watch & he laid hold of him by the shoulders, and shook him as well as he could, & told him he was no gentleman, or he would not rob a family of their only time piece; the Captain of the company made the fellow give it back to him.

He told the brethren that two of his colored men had run off & joined the army in Gallitani, Tennessee, & he went there to get them, he saw them on drill, but the Officers informed him that he could not get them. A short time afterwards one of them came & stole one of his best horses; - he went for that also, but the Federal Officer told him he could not get it; said the negro had a right to it. He pleaded, & tried to reason with them, finally another Officer told

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him, if he could prove his horse & his own Loyalty by witnesses, perhaps he might get his horse. He said he thought he might as well just give it up & go home. The reader will readily perceive that he is a Southern rights man.

He said he did not know how soon every male servant would leave him & go to the Army, & then what could he do with 15 Colored women with their houses full of children. These depredations were committed within 10 or 12 miles of our village, but thanks to a kind Providence who has guarded & watched over us thus far.

12<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. Eldress Betsy & I (Nancy) went to the North family & spent the greater part of the day, with the Sisters trying to encourage & stimulate them in the good work of self denial & love for each other.

13<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. To day, we, B. & N. went to the East family to try to encourage the Sisters there, in the good work of love, union & strength; to build up each other in good works.

15<sup>th</sup> Friday. Today, Bro<sup>r</sup> Urban returned home on the evening Train, he brought with him a box of medicine sent by Dr. Post of New York for Caroline Adams, who appears to be fast going on



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consumption. He sent enough for a two months trial, price \$20.

When Bro: Urban had finished his business in the City of Louisville & was ready to return home, he made haste to the Depot & secured a seat in the Passenger Car in due time; those shoulder strapped Officers kept up a continual murmuring about the citizens occupying the seats in the passenger Car, & said they would report to Gen Grant, & have the Trains given up for the benefit of the soldiers.

16<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Mer. 13 degrees above zero, at sun rise, with a clear sky & wholesome atmosphere.

17<sup>th</sup> Sabbath. Each family attended meeting at home, & here in the Center family we had a better manifestation of life & zeal with the power of the spirit, & a stronger testimony borne against the workings of a fleshly nature, than we have heard for some time, & for one I love it & was thankful to hear it: & to throw in my mite to strengthen those good resolutions & feelings.

18<sup>th</sup> Monday. It rained the greater part of the night & to day it is snowing.

19<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. This morning when we came out we found the Earth was again clothed in the

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white habilitment of winter. The snow has fallen to the depth of 4 inches on the level.

To day a company of soldiers came up from Russelville on the morning Train which was crowded. They are to be stationed at B Green for the present. In the afternoon one army wagon with four soldiers & five Cavalry passed thro' our Village going up to B. Green.

20<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. This evening a woman came down on the evening Train to spend a few days with us. She is a singular personage, & calls herself M. E. Dorbriney. Hadji. Isabei. She styles herself a Pilgrim having traveled over distant countries. She is an English woman, understands the French, German & Spanish Languages, & a part of several others; says she has devoted the most of her time since this war commenced in the hospitals doing what she could for the comfort of the sick & wounded soldiers, free of charge; she feels it a duty which she owes to God, who is so merciful, good & kind to her, & has done so much for her comfort. She is something of a Spiritualist, but she has no desire to become a Shaker, for she could not be a useful member, never learned to perform hand labor, but understands the art



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of painting Landscapes &c; says there are some of our Rules & regulations she could not live, such as early rising &c; &c.

22<sup>nd</sup> Friday. Last night Elder Hervey heard a voice speak with emphasis & say, Save your Parents! Save your Parents! Save your Parents!

Again at the morning Train came up from below the Cars were crowded with soldiers moving to B.G. from Russellville. We are informed, that the soldiers, that have been stationed in B. Green have been transferred to other localities. This afternoon another company of soldiers passed thro' our Village, they also came from Russellville & going to B. Green. They had three wagons, with some Cavalry & Infantry.

23<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. The morning Train was again crowded with soldiers from Russellville going up the Country. Elder Hervey went on the same train to B Green to change some metal for Greenbacks. He got 55cts to the dollar \$155.

In the afternoon a small company of Cavalry, came thro' our Village, with two wagons hauling their baggage.

24<sup>th</sup> Sabbath. The Church families assembled at the meeting house at one O'Clock P.M. to offer up our devotion, for the first time this year in con-

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sequence of the severity of the weather. Elder John went to the North family & attended morning meeting with the family. In our Church meeting Elder Hervey read some passages from Mother Ann's sayings, to the ancients of her day; which we consider good & wholesome counsel for each one of us.

25<sup>th</sup> Monday. To day, Elizabeth Dorbinsey Hadji Isakby, left our town perhaps for Pleasant Hill.

26<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. Elder Hervey went on the morning Train to B Green to attend to some business for the East family, by two O'clock the Mercury stood at 67 degrees.

27<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. To day Bro<sup>r</sup> Urban went to B Green on the morning Train & this evening it has not returned as usual. We hope that nothing disastrous has happened to the Train & Passengers.

28<sup>th</sup> Thursday. The Cars came down this evening at the usual time & Bro<sup>r</sup> Urban with them. The engine was out of order & had to be repaired.

29<sup>th</sup> Friday. Mer. 37 deg at sun rise. Somewhat smoky, looks like Indian summer.

30<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Mer. 55 deg. Raining day. Mer. rose to 68 deg by two O'clock P. M.

31<sup>st</sup> Sabbath. Thermometer 45 deg at sun rise. Raining day. We attended one O'clock meeting at the Center.



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1<sup>st</sup> Monday. This morning Bro<sup>r</sup> Wm Ware started on a seed trip towards Nashville, Tenn, & where he will go before he returns he cannot tell.

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday. A Rhymed Prediction taken from the Louisville Journal.

In 1861. We thought the country was undone.

In 1862. The Nation had all it could do.

In 1863. The Ship of State was still at sea.

In 1864. The good Ship safely reached the shore.

7<sup>th</sup> Sabbath. The Church families & Gathering Order, assembled together at the Meeting house at one o'clock. We all had the hearing of a Letter from the beloved Ministry of Pleasant Hill, to the Ministry at South Union with choice love for all the inmates of South Union.

10<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. We are informed that Hoge, the Sheriff of Simpson County, had learned of the whereabouts of a gang of guerillas, & last Monday the Evist, he with a company of home guards turned out to rout them if possible. The parties met near Franklin & had a skirmish. About the particulars there is not much rumor, but it is said the guerillas were too strong for the home guards.

Bill Haydon who lives near the little Town of

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Auburn on the Black Lick creek, went to Jeffersons camp & informed him that last night a squad of five men heavily armed went to Price's house & requested his son to pilot them to Shakertown; he refused to go. There was a contraband lying on the floor rolled in his blanket, they ordered him to rise & go with them; he also refused, they then presented their deadly weapons before him; his Master told him he had better go; He got up & went out & found they had caught a horse & hitched him in readiness for their pilot. They all started off together & when they were on this side of Bill McCutcheons, he told them it was a plain road on to Shakertown, & there was no need of him going further; they gave him half a dollar & let him return home.

N. B. This Bill Haydon is noted for fabricating such big yarns out of the solids, & we often hear it said, Wolf! Wolf! & it may be the Wolf may yet come, when we are not looking for him.

11<sup>th</sup>. Thursday. To day, three soldiers with Federal uniform passed on thro' our street. They were well mounted & were leading a gay & noble looking horse, they were going East. Soon after a squad of men with a drove of Mules followed, in their



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wake, all going towards Bowling Green.

13<sup>th</sup> Saturday. By some mishap our fence West of the Sheep pasture, was set on fire; the brethren perceived it & put out the fire before any great loss was sustained thereby.

To day Bro<sup>r</sup> Wm Ware returned home from his seed trip, having travelled to within 18 miles of the Alabama line. He done better in making sales & getting the one thing needful than we anticipated he would, when he left home. His returns were \$560. He met with no disaster but was guided & protected in safety by kind Providence thro' his perilous trip.

About 5 O'clock in the evening 25 soldiers with six wagons passed thro' our Town going West.

14<sup>th</sup> Sabbath. The Church families assembled at the meeting house at one O'clock. There are a great many who are afflicted with bad colds or something like winter, at this time.

22<sup>nd</sup> Monday. We are informed that guerillas are again in our neighborhood & that Col Johnson with his valiant band of soldiers who are stationed in the Town of Franklin, having heard of their camping ground started out on a reconnaissance & captured 40 of the Rebels & sent

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them on to headquarters to be taken care of.

24<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. To day, Townsend Ware started on a short trip to peddle Garden seeds, does not expect to go out of Ky. He took between four & five thousand papers of seed with him. Later Jackson McGown started on the evening Train with 100 bushels of Irish potatoes to Clarksville, & there they are to be sent on the river by steamboat to Nashville, for Market. They realized \$3 per bushel

25<sup>th</sup> Thursday. Early this morning Wm Ware started on a peddling tour with 15000 papers of seed. He will pass thro' some of the dangerous parts of Dixie. Our prayer is & will be, that he may be guarded & protected on his way by a host of angels & return home in safety to his friends. Jackson returned on the morning Train from Clarksville & Elder Hervey met him at our depot, the two started on the same Train for Louisville, with 30,000 papers of garden seeds & there they will take steamboat passage. (The Lord, & the Military Officers willing) & sail down into Dixie as far as Vicksburg.

26<sup>th</sup> Friday. A company of Sisters rode out to the clearing on the Black lick for a little recreation.



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While they were passing Wm. Mc Cutcheons farm, he stopped bro. G. Rankin & told him: "that two of his darkies had left him to join the army, while he was attending Church last Sabbath, one of them was a most steady & trusty man, & was the last one he would have suspected of leaving him. He said that not long since, the Military Officers pressed another of his men, to work on the Fortifications, said he would have to let his farm lie idle, for want of hands to till the soil, & if he would try to raise a crop, the Military would come & take it. And now, between you & me. I wished there had never been one nigger brought to America: said he had not learned untill recently, that this war was brought about, on account of the nigger. He wished every Confederate Officer was disposed of, as they should be. At this time there are a great many darkies leaving their Masters in old Kentuck, & we hope the time is not very far distant when there will be no such thing, as Master & Slave in the State.

28<sup>th</sup> Sabbath. Mer. 53 deg, at sun rise. The wind shifted to the North West & it began to rain. Elder Hervey is from home, & we three are somewhat,

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with influenza or some miserable disease, we did not attend meeting.

29<sup>th</sup> Monday. This afternoon's Train brought a young sickly woman, aged 18 years, her name is Elmyra Angelina Kirkland, she is an orphan without home or friends, to take care of her in her sickness, she has the dropsy & general debility. Her former location was in East Tennessee. One Officer of the Federal army and a citizen unitedly gave her six dollars to come to this place. On her way she lodged in B.G. one night. They charged her one dollar for lodging & breakfast; Being badly chilled with sickness & want of warm clothing, she enquired where she could buy a shawl, one of the inmates of the Tavern, sold to her an old rag of a shawl & charged her two dollars. They gave proof of the cold hearted selfishness of this world.

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1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday. Mer. 27 deg. & the snow is falling. The walks, the Trees, & the Grass is literally covered with snow & Ice, the weight of which has broken many boughs, from the Evergreens & especially the Yellow Pines. Now at 4 o'clock P.M.



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the snow has-fell to the depth of 4 inches.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Wednesday. Mer. 7 deg above zero, at sun rise.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Thursday. Mer. 10 deg at sun rise. Heavy frost. About two O'clock four soldiers called for some dinner & were accommodated. They appeared grateful & expressed their thanks warmly.

From the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup>. the Mer. ranged from 30 to 40 degrees above zero at sun rise.

13<sup>th</sup>. Sabbath. Mer 30 deg at sun rise.

To day the Society assembled at the hour of one in the Meeting house. Elder John Rankin read a letter that we received from Eldress Sally & Co, of N. C. Ohio. After reading he spoke some on the necessity of each one laboring to be strictly honest, & to support a clean, pure & virtuous feeling, in their own breast, & never try to decoy, or lead others into disorder or any dark hidden works. He said all who will go to work honestly, & clear the Devil out of themselves, will find it to be the greatest enemy with which they have to contend or which they need fear.

15<sup>th</sup>. Tuesday. This evening four armed soldiers called to stay over night. They have been enrolling negroes in Simpson & the adjoining counties. They were accommodated with a good stable & fare for

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their horses & supper & breakfast for themselves.

20<sup>th</sup> Sabbath. The families attended one O'Clock meeting at the Meeting House & had a good time of it. Elder John spoke very feelingly to the assembly & more especially to the youth. He encouraged them & told them, now is the day & time for each one to set out & overcome, the world, the flesh & the devil. Many others united in the same good gift of encouragement.

21<sup>th</sup> Monday. Mer. 20 degrees.

22<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday. Mer. 27 deg. at sun rise.

Elder Hervey & Bro<sup>r</sup> Jackson arrived home on the evening Train. E. Hervey is very unwell with a bad cold, being turned out of his state room on the boat, to accommodate the Officers of the Army. The boat was crowded with soldiers. They were blest with good luck in making sales, and brought home clear of expense 1100 dollars. Jackson was in his usual health. They brought an orphan child, whose name is Mary Elizabeth Downs aged between 10 & 11 years.

23<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday. This afternoon Wm Ware arrived home from his perilous tour, selling garden seed in Tennessee, after an absence of four weeks.

24<sup>th</sup> Thursday. This forenoon Br Wm Ware came into



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our Shop & related to us some of the perils of his trip. We will record one Item, which was as follows. Late one evening as he was travelling along (as it were in the woods) he met one fierce Guerilla, band who presented his Pistol & ordered him to halt. ~~Wm~~ stopped his team & the Guerilla asked him where he was going. He answered to Latham's, a few miles distant.

(Guerilla) What have you in your wagon?

(William) Garden seeds, we have been in the habit of selling garden seeds in the South for many years past, & thought we might still find a market.

(G.) Where do you live?

(W.) In South Union, Ky.

(G.) I don't know where that is.

(W.) In Shaker Town.

(G.) I don't know where that is.

(W.) It is on the State Road 14 miles West of Bowling Green.

(G.) That will do. You have a large mule in your team, & quite a good looking horse.

(W.) It is a very indifferent team; the horse is old, wind broken and hip shot. The intruder opened the horses mouth, took a look therein & said, he is about 8 years old.

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(W.) He is nearer 15 or 20. The Guerilla then walked round to inspect the mule, said he was a fine animal.

(W.) His leg has been injured you see.

(G.) Yes, I see it looks as if it had been broken, but there is a good deal of service in that team yet, & some of those Jay Hawks may gobble them up from you.

(W.) I can travel but slowly with them, yet I should be sorry to lose them.

(G.) You are going to Mr Latham's to stay over night.

(W.) I am.

(G.) Well, you may go on.

There was no alternative for William but to go there, for the evening was far spent, & he thought honesty was the best policy, & he would tell the truth, & trust to kind Providence who has always befriended him. He drove on, & called at the house of Latham, but he was not at home, & his wife was sick in bed. The black boy told Wm to drive in, but said he, there is danger of the Yankees taking your horses; they have been robbing & stealing all about here. They have just left here & have taken two Barrels of Whiskey & one bale of Cotton from Massah. William told



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the boy that he feared that rebel scout with whom he had met a few miles back, more than he did the Yankees. O, said the darkey, Da come to night & take the horses; William asked him, if there was any place he could hide them. The darkey said, some time Massah hide dem, but dah's the Carriage, den da break in de house ahter you & make you tell. So Wm concluded to put them in the stable and feed them, & when Latham came home he would see what could be done. It was some time after dark when he came home, he immediately went into the room where his wife was & they were soon busily engaged in close conversation, talking over their own troubles, for more than hour, when Wm concluded he could wait no longer in safety, so he sent for him, & related what he had met with, before he arrived at his house, & asked him if there was any place in which his horses could be secreted, & not be in danger of being stolen by robbers. Latham said he would do the best he could for him. He called the darkey & told him to take the horses & hide them away in one of the negro huts; & if any person comes & asks you where

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they are, tell them you don't know. Wm said you may tell them they were put in the Stable & fed, & if they are not there some one has taken them away. It being a late hour, William retired to bed, but not to rest very comfortably. Finally, he fell asleep, to be suddenly aroused, about midnight when some person or persons came to the house in a very loud & boisterous manner. The Land-lord got up, & conducted them up stairs & there they talked loud & in earnest. William believed they were robbers, & would pounce in upon him & demand his horses. He slept but little, and as soon as the day dawned he was up, fed his team, & began to hitch them to the Carriage. The man of the house came out & began to help harness the horses, but he appeared restless & in trouble, but it was evident he did not wish William to know what his troubles were; neither was he inclined to explain the disturbance of the night to him, & before the horses were hitched to the wagon he left, so William was kept in the dark about their troubles; but was fully persuaded in his own mind that they were marauders after his horses & the man of the house had hard labor to save them &



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& still felt an uneasiness for his safety. This house was about 10 miles from Dresden Tennessee. Wm started on Sabbath morning to get away from that place; yet he did not wish to go into Town, fearing the Yankees might be a little tight & carousing from the effects of drinking the Whiskey they had taken from Latham. So when he got within 3 miles of Dresden he called at a house to know if he could stay there untill Monday, telling them he had garden seeds for sale. The man of the house was not at home, & the woman was in trouble & disheartened; said between the guerillas & Yankees, they had been robbed of all their horses & almost every thing they had to subsist on. It was no use to buy seeds for they had no way to cultivate them. And finally wound up the conversation by telling Wm her husband was not at home, but he soon would be; & that he might stay if he chose, & then wished she was dead.

William concluded to drive on to another house a little nearer Town & try again; So he called at the next suitable house. The same story was continued. They had also been robbed of all their horses, & of nearly every thing they possessed.

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The man of the house, said, they had nothing to feed a horse on; said, all their forage had been taken by the army, but if he could stay upon the conditions he would be quite welcome. William thanked him & sympathized with them in their suffering condition, but thought his horses must have something to eat if it were possible to get it; so he drove on to Dresden & put up at the Tavern, where he had been accustomed to stay, while trading in Town. When he came near he enquired of a darkey if the soldiers were yet in Town, he said they had just left. He drove on & saw a small squad of Cavalry who were still in Town, he went to the Tavern & met the keeper, who was much pleased to see him, he had the Carriage taken to a back yard & put out of sight. Wm had not been there long untill another large force of Cavalry came into Town. They did not tarry but soon left.

The Tavern keeper done all he could for the safety of Wm his horses & Carriage. The next day while he was yet in Town, he saw the two men at whose houses he called at the evening before. They both told him it was well for him that he did not stay with them, for



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their houses were broke open & searched by robbers. That night. The country all thro Tenn, where he traveled, was in a pitiable condition & was infested with Guerillas & highway men, who robbed & plundered indiscriminately both Unionists & Rebels alike where they could find any thing they wanted. But by the kind & merciful hand of an over Ruling Providence our good Brother was guarded & protected in a way, that he did not suffer any violence or injury from these marauders.

25<sup>th</sup> Friday. To day six Federal soldiers came here to enroll the colored men whom we have hired.

26<sup>th</sup> Saturday. A Confederate soldier called at our Office for Alms. He is crippled in his hand & arms, having been shot & taken prisoner, & then paroled. He was ragged & in a destitute condition. His home proper, is in Missouri. We fed him, gave him some clothing & let him pass on.

27<sup>th</sup> Sabbath. The two families from the Church & one from the Gathering order, assembled at the Meeting House at one O'Clock. We had a good meeting, a good degree of life & zeal for

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the good cause was manifested.

30<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. We learn from the Louisville Journal of to day, that the Steamboat, that brought our Brethren up from Vicksburg to Louisville, has been sunk & destroyed. We also learn that the Towns & places where Elder Wm travelled thro' & sold Garden seeds, have since been burnt & destroyed by rebels & guerillas.

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2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. We are informed that our framed house at the fruit Orchard, has been broken open, ransacked & robbed of every thing of much value, which had been left there when the fruit was all gathered, such as beds, shovel & tongs &c. &c. We are also informed that a company of guerillas were at Auburn & took some captives, but released them, when they were thro' pillaging the Town.

5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. This afternoon a company of 50 soldiers with a number of Forage wagons called on us to stay over night. They ordered us to furnish forage for their Teams, & supper for themselves, said they did not wish it brought out to them, for they intended to eat in the house, at the Table. Accordingly after the families supper was over,



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the Tables were spread, & the soldiers called in, they seemed to partake of their food with a zest. Some of them had been drinking, but there were sober ones enough among them to help check the noisy ones untill they left the dining room.

6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. This morning the soldiers called for breakfast, & after the family had eaten, they were called into the dining room in the center family again & ate their breakfast. There were 47 in No. who eat in the Center, & 3 Officers at the Office. The most of them paid 75 cts a piece for their supper & breakfast, & they gave a receipt on the Government for the Corn they fed to their Teams.

7<sup>th</sup> Thursday. This evening after dark a company of soldiers drove up from the West with their wagons & teams. They called for Corn for their horses, & supper for themselves, saying, they had to be in Bowling Green by day light. After they had eaten supper, they crawled into the hay mow, & slept untill 3 O'clock in the morning. There was but one man in the Company who had the manliness to pay for his supper. He paid 25 cts. There were 21 of them. The Sisters had taken a good deal of pains to get up a comfortable good.

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supper. We could hear them tramping round the houses, opening & shutting gates between the hours of two & three o'clock. Just as the clock struck three they were passing thro' the street with their wagons.

8<sup>th</sup> Friday. On Wednesday last Brother Eli M<sup>c</sup> went on the morning Train to B. G. There were 20 of the Rebel Gen Forests gang of guerillas on the Train. They had been captured in the suburbs of Hopkinsville. They were to be taken to head quarters for trial.

This afternoon a company of 20 Cavalry went dashing at a rapid rate thro' our Village going West. They looked as tho' they were on the trail of something.

11<sup>th</sup> Monday. Last night Eldress Betsy heard a voice which said, God will do for you what you cannot do for yourselves.

12<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. To day our much beloved Sister Cordia Adams, breathed her last inspiration in time aged 28 years & 5 months. Disease, Consumption. We are much grieved to part with her; she has, from childhood proved herself, to be a good virtuous example to her youthful companions.

13<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. The funeral ceremonies commenced



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at half past nine A.M. & was largely attended from the three families. There were many speakers on the occasion, & all unitedly spoke in the highest praise of our dear little sister Carrie.

14<sup>th</sup> Thursday. To day four very suspicious looking men called at the Office; said they wanted to purchase some cloth, leather, garden seeds &c; to the amount of \$50. They first called for grey cloth; Bro<sup>r</sup> Jesse went to the Sisters, to see if there was any for sale, & the men passed right in after him, without any invitation, they were shown a piece of grey cloth; next was, have you no black cloth, have you no fustick or drab cloth, or blue jeans, or silk for dresses. It seems that nothing we had was the thing desired, they appeared to want to find out what we had on hand, & where it was located, they said they were going to attend John Blands sale, they wanted to be conducted round over our premises, Jesse told them he could not leave the Office & he was unable to go with them; further, he said, if you are going to John Blands sale, it is time for you to be off. They bought one calf skin & 25 cents worth of garden seeds & left; they went on by Blands, but did not stop. Elder Hervey, Brothers Urban, Eli, Wm Ware,

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Jonathan & Jefferson were all at the sale, & Jefferson kept his eye on them, untill they passed Blands Farm. Now we do not know at what time they may return to rob us of what little we have on hand, but one thing is certain, they did not see enough to induce them to travel many miles to get it.

15<sup>th</sup> Friday. This evening between the hours of eight & nine a very long Train of Cars passed thro' our Village going down West, it was filled with soldiers, & moved as if it was heavy laden, & got along slowly. We suspect they are going to try & surround the Rebel Forest.

16<sup>th</sup> Saturday. A man by the name of Matlock, who lives not far from Auburn & is a staunch Union man (from his own account) came here to day & informed our brethren, that about midnight last, a squad of six robbers went to Auburn, & knocked on the window of the house or store of one Proctors; The young man who was in, called to know if it was Gordon; they answered that it was; he opened the door, & was immediately seized by the ruffians, & they proceeded to rob the store, & took from the young man his gold watch. We did not learn the amount



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They took from the store. From thence they went to Harry Woodward, & with threats forced him to hand over what money he had in the house which was \$200. From thence they went about two miles to Hughes house; they demanded entrance, & presented their weapons with threats of violence if he did not deliver up his money. H. told them he had none. They said if he had none they had been wrongly informed, but they would soon see, & commenced searching the house. They made him get up & under the pillow they found his treasure which was \$300 in Gold & \$400 in Greenbacks, & a five revolving pistol to defend it; but some how he dared not use it. He also had a gun. They took the \$400, the pistol & gun & left.

From thence they went a short distance to the Widow Hughes his Mother, & demanded her money, she handed over all she had, which was \$150. They asked where her tobacco money was. She had lately sold her last years crop, which was supposed to bring \$1000. Fortunately she could tell them she had not received that money, It was yet in the Bank. They searched the house, but could find no more.

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They were mean enough to search the pockets of two young girls dresses. One was an orphan girl & the other was perhaps the Widow's daughter; they each had a little change in their pocket & the vile creatures took it with their Locketts & finger rings. The orphan girl talked up quite fiercely & told them she was a poor orphan girl & that money, which was only two dollars & a half, was all she had on Earth, & they were not gentlemen, who could search the pockets of poor helpless women & then rob them of the last cent, & especially a poor orphan girl. This seemed to stir a spark of tenderness & compassion in one of them, who handed back her two & a half dollars - but kept the jewelry. She talked to them as well as she was able, by telling them what she thought of their conduct. They left & went to another house & took a young man prisoner, who had a revolver in his pocket, they disarmed him & kept him in custody untill he agreed to tell where his two hundred dollar horse was, which they took & then skedaddled. We have good reason to believe that four of these robbers were the same men, who came to our Office pretending to want



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to buy cloth, leather &c; & to find out whether we had any thing worth coming for; but finding so little they turned their minds another way.

17<sup>th</sup> Sabbath. Titus says- as he was going home he saw- between J Blands & Jesse Andrews Farms in a piece of woods, six guns stacked around a Tree. He could see no person any where near them. And several times during the past week in the same woods a lone man has been seen making towards the Rail Road or skulking about there.

19<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. Last night, a company of young rowdie boys of Auburn, went to Jeffersonville & entered the dwelling house of the hired hands who are employed to cut wood for the Government. They frightened the negroes almost out of their senses, by telling they were guerillas & were going to hang or shoot the last one of them. They ordered Bill to catch them a good horse & saddle him immediately. Bill put off and did not return, & in like manner they all left the house, wroren & all, cleared themselves. They had to hide out in the woods all night, & it was late the next day before they could venture back home. Those rowdies only arrived to

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have some sport at the expense of the poor negroes' feelings, but before they all returned to their work to day, the joke was turned, & the rowdies were pretty badly frightened, fearing they would be prosecuted. One of the company begged pardon of Jefferson, & said he was willing to ask the forgiveness of the negroes, if that would satisfy. The Engineer on the Train said he would inform Colonel Maxwell of their conduct.

21<sup>st</sup> Thursday. Mer. 32 deg at sun rise.

25<sup>th</sup> Monday. Last night two of our colored hired hands left, to enlist in the Army. James Copeland lost five of his men & all of his horses but one. Also, Winfield Hall lost three stout young men (all he had). So it seems that this part of Kentucky will soon be freed from negro laborers. From present appearance negro slavery is doomed, & we say, Amen, so let it be.!

27<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. I am told that 30 Negroes left this section last night for the Army. Their masters do not think it worth while to hunt after them now, & some of them have said, let them go who cares. It seems the negroes feel that they are entitled to their freedom & some of



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the more bold & courageous among them will leave their Master & go & hire their own time.

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6<sup>th</sup> Friday. Bro<sup>r</sup> Urban went to Russellville to day, by order of the Tax Collectors, who universally puts our land at higher figures than they do any land adjoining ours.

9<sup>th</sup> Monday. Last Saturday one of the negroes whom we have hired, told Cyrus, farewell, when he started for home, saying he might never see him again, intimating that he might go to the Army, but this morning he came up again; Cyrus said to him, well, Tom you concluded to return to me again. He assented, but signified it was all he could do to get off from the company which numbered 20 Negroes, which were all leaving their Masters employ for that of the Army. They go in a body.

We are informed that J Jenkins a turn off from this place, who enlisted in the Rebel service, is now prowling about in this neighborhood. He tells our hired darkies, that he has been hiding out for some days, & intends

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to burn Shakertown before he leaves this country. In the mean time his Brother William turns up here, pretending to visit his Sisters, he also engaged in the Rebel service, & afterwards joined a guerilla band of horse thieves. Twice before this, he has come here, under pretence of visiting his Sisters, & both times, guerillas appeared in our neighborhood & committed outrages such as horse & negro stealing. Now we believe, he belongs to some marauding party, tho' he has a suit of Federal uniform & professes to belong to the Federal army. Says, he has a furlough to see his relations, & when asked to see it, it was not forth coming, but was left at Bowers where he is staying. No one here believes his stories, & what has happened after his former visits, the brethren think it to be the safest policy to keep a vigilant watch all around Town; so we may not suffer loss by fire or horse thieves.

11<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. To day 5 army wagons with soldiers passed thro' our street, going in search of forage; They returned in the evening loaded with hay.

12<sup>th</sup> Thursday. William Jenkins has been seen skulking in the woods, North of our place to



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day, after saying he was going to join his Regiment last Monday. This afternoon we have heard the report of a good many guns N.W. of our Farm. We are also informed that Bill Jenkins has threatened to fire Shakertown before he leaves this neighborhood, & says - he will put a bullet thro' Jackson McGown that will make a hole big enough for a rabbit to jump thro'.

Last night a thief stole a fine black horse from the East Family's Stable. This morning Elder Wm Ware, Elder Asa, & Jonathan started out in search of the horse. Bro. Jackson went on the Train to B. Green to inform Colonel Maxwell & to get it telegraphed to Nashville & the different Towns, & if possible catch the thief. John King says, there were firing of guns North of his house last night.

There came two men here from Hopkinsville who says, there is a company of Guerilla raiders, just below & around Russellville whose business it is to steal horses, money & any articles from the stores that they stand in need of, & can carry off to their friends & supporters. They stated that as they were coming

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up here, they came within 15 minutes of being captured by them. A friend of theirs saw them, & detained them long enough for the guerillas to pass. This friend told them these robbers were going to Greenville, where the Court was in session, & there were no soldiers there to protect the Town; & from thence they were coming to Shakertown. Said it would not be strange if they were to come upon us this very night. When they heard that the brethren had started off in pursuit of the horse that was stolen, one of them said, it would be well for them, if they did not lose the horses they were on. To day seven army wagons with their guard passed thro' our Village & returned in the evening loaded with good looking hay.

14<sup>th</sup> Saturday. To day we found the fence around our Strawberry bed carefully laid down & about 100 Sheep grazing thereon & the Tracks of Cattle were to be seen on one side. The stock gathered the greater part of the crop while it was yet in bloom. We have no Idea who it is, that would manifest so low & mean a spirit & principle as to do this thing; but certain it is some person has done it.



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We are informed by many of our neighbors, that there are a number of guerillas prowling around in the woods near our village. Friend Smoot, who occupies our buildings at the Depot, requested Elder Hervey, to let some of our young brethren go over there, to help him protect the buildings & his store goods. The brethren told him he had better call on some of our neighbors, who have guns and weapons to defend themselves; as to using violence, we are defenceless & could be of no service. Still some of our people as well as our neighbors are in a feverish excitement & do not know what may develop itself in 48 hours. The brethren have taken the horses to the woods, & are going to keep watch about the homestead. They will keep the Hall lamp burning all night at the Center family & at the Office. Elder William & Elder Asa, have not returned home yet, we fear they have ventured so far trying to recover the stolen horse, that they may be gobbled up themselves, horses & all, by the guerillas. We are told that 10 of them have been seen skulking in the woods near by & that the whole gang numbers 80, that they go in com-

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families from 10 to 30 or 50 in a company.

15<sup>th</sup> Sabbath. Elder Asa arrived home without having heard of our horse. He went on to Nashville.

16<sup>th</sup> Monday. To day Elder Wm arrived home without any clue to the horse or thief. He went on to Nashville & round by Springfield.

17<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. About two O'clock P.M. a company of soldiers with 9 forage wagons, passed thro' our village going west.

19<sup>th</sup> Thursday. We are again annoyed with the announcement of the Guerilla Captain Hines, with his band of marauders numbering between 40 & 50. A company of Captain Baker's Cavalry 53 in number, of the 35<sup>th</sup> Ky, called on us about eight O'clock P.M. They were ordered by a dispatch from Col Maxwell of B Green to come here & be in readiness to meet the Rebel Captain Hines, with his marauding band who it is reported intends making a raid on Shakerstown to night. They called for corn to feed their horses; having each of them one ration in their haversacks for their supper. The brethren directed them to the cross-roads, as the most effective place for catching the game, as they



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would be likely to make for the Depot & R.R. to destroy what they could of Government accommodation, as well as robbing & horse stealing which is Hines's favorite employ, Also, we wished to have them as far as possible from our dwellings if the two parties should come together in combat. The brethren had to leave the meeting room where the family had assembled for worship, & hitch up the horses & haul corn to their camping ground.

20<sup>th</sup> Friday. This morning Captain Baker called for breakfast for himself & company; which was furnished by the Center family. They marched up in good order & ate in the Center house dining room. They appeared well satisfied with their fare. They gave a receipt for their corn & breakfast; they left to scout around untill the Courier would return, whom they sent up to B. Green last night. This company belongs at present to Franklin, & was telegraphed from B Green to come here. The brethren charged 30 cents each for their breakfast, & the Market price for the corn.

They had for breakfast plenty of good white loaf bread, warm corn bread, fried ham, fresh cold

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mutton, fried Irish potatoes, butter, stewed Peaches, canned Blackberries & good fresh Coffee. There was no disturbance thro' the night from the enemy.

21<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Mer. 53 deg at sun rise. At half after two in the afternoon it rose to 91 deg.

The News-Journals now for 10 or 12 days are teeming with awful bloody work in the contending armies. And from the reports we get; it seems that both parties are determined on success, but wherever there has been an engagement, the Federals have come off victorious. Yet there has been immense slaughter on both sides.

22<sup>nd</sup> Sabbath. We attended one O'clock meeting at the Meeting house, & had but a moderate degree of life & zeal. Elder Hervey called on the little boys, & took them thro' a drilling in the dance & march to help them gain a little more freedom, life & zeal, & to learn a further degree of Gospel order.

This evening after six O'clock, Captain Bennett, with a company of 16 well armed Cavalry, from Franklin, Ky, rode up & called for a lot for their wagons & teams, & then ordered us to furnish supper; & breakfast in the morning. They are out on



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a foraging expedition.

23<sup>rd</sup> Monday. Those soldiers were well accommodated with supper and breakfast and a good lot at the Mill pond for their wagons and teams, and this morning they left without even saying, Thank ye, sah.

Last night the North Family had between 25 & 30 Chickens stolen from the coop by some low-mean creatures.

To day six more Army wagons passed through our Village going West. I verily believe all of the old Hay & Oat stacks will be swept from this neighborhood by the Army foragers. They returned loaded with Corn and hay.

To day two men came here from Nashville Tenn. in search of a Mare that had been stolen from them. They informed us, that, our Black Horse was in Nashville and the Thief was lodged in Jail. They have an order from the Thief on Bowers for the nag. They say if one of our brethren will go with & pilot them to Bowers house they will assist us in getting our horse.

24<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. To day Robert Sammons went with the two men, whose name is Young; towards Nashville to get our horse. They got their Mare,

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& returned and staid overnight with us.

26<sup>th</sup> Thursday. To day Robert Sammons arrived home with the horse. He paid out \$50 & 20 cents in getting the horse, & his expenses there and back. Bill Jenkins is the name of the thief, he was very saucy to Robert, he said R. - could not prove that it was his horse. He is guilty of stealing other horses, and is lodged in the Nashville Jail awaiting his trial. It may be he will have further trials. These two men says, that Bill Jenkins has been known to travel from Tennessee to Kentucky, ten times & he always rode a good horse back into Tenn. He was seen riding Youngs nag, & that is the way he was overtaken. They made him confess up to them where he had left her, & by that means we obtained ours.

29<sup>th</sup> Sabbath. Yesterday we were much annoyed with the Gentiles promorading over our door yards & thro' our streets, teasing for Strawberries. Now we have to keep a guard at the Strawberry bed on the Knob, to secure what little was left us, after the stock had grazed at leisure over it. Saturday evening brother Solomon staid out at the Knob untill a late



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hour watching. After supper was over he hitched his horse to the buggy and started for home; he had an occasion to go back, so he hitched the horse to the road side & walked back, & there he found two men in the patch helping themselves to the fruit. We suppose they had been lying in the woods waiting for Solomon to leave. Were they not low, mean, petty thieves?

30<sup>th</sup> Monday. This evening some of the Sisters rode out to the knob, to pick strawberries, they staid there untill near eight O'clock; & behold after close dark, here comes four women & two men, with their vessels to pick berries in, (we might say to steal our berries) thinking our watch had certainly left by that time; but was, they were defeated & had to go home without a load. It is astonishing how the vines & berries have grown, since they were mowed down by the Cattle & Sheep, but we have had a good season, & should be thankful.

31<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. To day we are again disturbed with the presence of a large company of outsiders promonading thro' our streets, over the door yards & into our shops trying to flatter our

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young sisters, that they are very handsome &c. &c.

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1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday. To day Colonel Maxwell & his wife, his body guard of 15 soldiers, Amanda Younglove, & several other women came down from B.G. to visit Shakertown, so they say. Also, friend Minnis & another man each with their better half, from Clarksville Tenn. We furnished them a very fine dinner free of charge. The whole number who partook of the viands was 41.

4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. This evening Elder Hervey went to the North family to attend meeting with the family & exhorted them on the necessity of keeping good order & walking uprightly in all things. The rest of the lot attended meeting at the center family. Elder John addressed the brethren & sisters in a very tender & affectionate manner yet he spoke plain & comprehensive.

5<sup>th</sup> Sabbath. To day between the hours of 11 & 12 firing of guns were heard in quick succession towards the Depot. Soon after, three men came dashing thro' our streets at the fullest speed, one of them holding a pistol in his hand, ready to fire if too closely pursued. Wm Rankin was in the street as they galloped by; he said to them, What's



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up now? One of them replied, the bushwhackers are after us. In a few minutes here came seven armed men in full tilt after them. They enquired of the brethren if they saw these men & which course they went. The brethren told them they saw three men & they went East in a sweeping gallop & were about a mile and a half ahead of them. They told the brethren, they were deserters, five in number from the Federal army, in Nashville. They had turned to be highway robbers, had robbed 30 men & killed two of them in three days. These soldiers say they have shot two of the five deserters, at the Depot & would be glad to secure the other three. They dashed off after them & went a little beyond the East family to the Red Hill, but could see nothing of them; so they returned without them. They said as they came on, they saw some two or three persons go in haste & enter our Barn at the West lot, one had a white coat as just as the deserter had, they stopped to hunt them out; & this is the cause of the robbers getting so far ahead of us.

The pursuers went to the Depot & took the pocket books & weapons of the dead. In Smoot's presence

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They counted the money of one pocket-book which was \$50, the other was not opened. They ordered Smoot to take the dead bodies to Franklin.

These robbers had been buying of Smoot some articles of clothing; such as boots, shoes, shirts, whips &c, &c to the amount of \$30. They dealt leisurely, did not appear in any hurry; The three who made good their escape, had started on to come to this place, & the two who were shot had stepped aside from their horses to change their clothes, when the Federals came upon them & ordered them to surrender, they refused, saying they would die first, & mounted their horses, the pursuers instantly fired on them, putting two balls thro' one, & one thro' the other. The one who had two balls expired immediately, the other lived near two hours, & the other three who got the start of them, when the firing of guns were heard, put spurs to their horses & went for life.

Some of our brethren went out to see the wounded men, they were lying in the edge of the woods west of our depot.

There was a young man there by the name of Bolivar, who put several questions to the youth



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who was dying, at first he was slow to answer. B. told him there was no possible chance for his recovery & he might as well be free and tell the whole. To the questions asked, he said his name is Samuel Holmes - his age 17 years, - his home was in St. Louis. The dead man's name was Brown. He called for water two or three times - seemed to suffer extremely both in body & mind. - He asked Bro. Urban if he could do something to alleviate his pain; He gave him a drink of water & told him it would soon be over; as it was plain that life was fast ebbing away. Some of the young brethren were standing near by. - He told them to let his condition be a warning to them, never to be drawed off to do as he has done; That God was punishing him now for his sins and wickedness. He acknowledged he was one of the number who had robbed 30 men, and his company had killed two of them, but said he did not help do that. They intended to make their way by robbing & that he had deserted three times from the Army. His last words were, Lord have mercy on me.

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Smoot, they told him they were coming to Shakerstown to get their dinner, & look around the Town.

We have not the least doubt, but they intended to look around & find out, what we had on hand to suit them, so as to return that night & rob & steal from both Smoot & us. If so, their designs were thwarted.

Soon after, we assembled in the Meeting house for one O'clock meeting. James Richardson & Joseph Averitt drove by with the carriage to the depot. Smoot has prevailed on the brethren to take the bodies to Franklin in his stead as he had no carriage or horses to take them. He told the brethren he knew it was a disagreeable job, but the Military authorities would pay them well. The youth had not quite ceased to breathe when they got to the depot. They had to wait but a few minutes; as soon as the breath was out they placed the lifeless forms in the carriage & started for Franklin & behold! when the Military authorities asked them, Why did you bring them here? The soldiers should have had them buried where they fell, and the soldiers who ordered them to be taken there, denied





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having given the order, & they also denied having found any money on their persons, & the whole concern refused to pay a single dime. The bodies were left there for burial. Some of the citizens intimated, that we as a people had been greatly favored concerning the troubles of this war, & they thought we might afford to do that much free of charge. We think the brethren preferred to haul them there, rather than make coffins & bury them on our premises.

George Copley, whom we have hired to condense & spin wool says, certainly there is a charm thrown over this place. I know (says he) that the hand of Providence is stretched out over this Town to guard & protect it from harm; every time there is an intended raid on this place, something turns up to thwart their intentions.

8<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. Our place is thronged with Gentiles, who tease & press us to furnish dinner. We finally concluded to furnish them, & charge each one 50 cents. Most of them paid, but there were a few who left without even saying thank ye.

12<sup>th</sup> Sabbath. To day we commenced holding public meeting, for the world's people at 11<sup>th</sup> O'Clock.

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13<sup>th</sup> Monday. A man who has been engaged in the rebel army, by name Sublett was at Woodburn yesterday. He professed to have taken the Amnesty oath & showed papers to that effect; but, the Federals there would not accept them. Three of the Feds took him prisoner, & started with him to Franklin, there to have him examined. After going a short distance they pressed a horse to take him on. He contrived to get them to stop & get some liquor on which the Feds got drunk; he then laid a scheme for two of his guard to go back for something; after they had went a short distance back, he, (the prisoner) jerked the gun from the one who was with him, & shot him thro' the head; then mounted the Federals horse & cleared himself.

Col. Bakers men from Franklin put out after him, but they will hardly catch him, for there are so many rebel sympathisers around in this neighborhood who would willingly assist him to fly the track. Drs Phea & McElwain told the news to us, & appeared to be somewhat gratified with their story, for they are



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both rebel sympathizers. The Federal who was killed is an old man.

14<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. To day a small company rode out for a days diversion. The names were, George Rankin, Elder John, Eldress Betsy, Sarah Williams, Nancy Clark & I, Nancy Moore, we had bad luck Elder John cut his ankle.

16<sup>th</sup> Thursday. This evening about 20 minutes after six O'clock about 30 well armed soldiers passed thro' our streets going West.

17<sup>th</sup> Friday. To day between the hours of 12 & 1, a company of soldiers with nine army wagons, passed thro' here going West 19 of them took dinner out at the well. They returned late at night & camped at our Mill pond, we gave them milk & \$ so forth for supper.

Last night the colored hands who are hired here serenaded the Office folks for about an hour.

We are informed that guerillas entered the Town of Woodburn, plundered the stores and robbed the Town of \$2500, & then left without further injury to the place.

18<sup>th</sup> Saturday. The soldiers who camped at our Mill pond were off this morning by six O'clock.

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with their forage.

Two Cavalrymen dressed in Federal style well armed & equipped going West, passed thro' our streets. We do not know, but they are guerillas in disguise.

19<sup>th</sup> Sabbath. Thornton Smoot who keeps the depot is very low with the flux. This morning the brethren brought him over to the Brick Shop to be nursed & cared for untill he gets able for business, as he is a youth without Parents.

The Louisville Journal of the 18<sup>inst</sup> has some very interesting Items in it, reports are in general favorable to the Federal cause. It has one very cruel account of 14 Rebel deserters being sentenced to be shot, & the shooting being performed in a very bungling manner, which makes the heart sicken when duly considered. Oh! this awful cruel war.

22<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday. At noon a company of 20 soldiers well armed; with five forage wagons called at the well for some dinner & were furnished. They then passed on going West. They returned with their forage & camped at the Mill pond. They were furnished with milk &c; for supper & breakfast, & as they were passing back through



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our street, they wished a blessing to rest upon Shakertown & its inhabitants.

26<sup>th</sup> Sabbath. To day the public meeting was badly attended by our people in consequence of so many being afflicted with summer complaint, flux & the fever. The spectators behaved badly, paid but little attention to the preaching, and a great number did not enter the Sanctuary, but went prowling thro' the Orchards after the early fruit, & some lay around under the shade trees in the different lots.

29<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. This morning Colonel Maxwell with seven of his staff Officers, came down from Bowling Green on the freight Train to spend the day here. They started early without having breakfasted. We furnished them breakfast & dinner of our best, free of charge, & accommodated them as well as was necessary in taking them round to see the different departments. This morning as Jefferson was going down to the clearing on the Black lick tract, he was informed that Gasts son-in-law (J. Malone) was at Gasts Tavern & had staid there with his family all night. That he had left six well armed rebels out at the back of the field to

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camp over night while he enjoyed the company of his family. Jefferson professed to have forgotten something, & turned about to come back. He informed Col. Maxwell of the fact. The Col. with his men put straight off there to catch them if possible, but the night Hawk had flown with his company, & they had to return without the prize. They wished very much to get him, they said he was in Louisville lately, and they tried hard to catch him, but he was too quick for them. The soldiers left between three & four O'Clock apparently well pleased with their visit & the attention they had received.

30<sup>th</sup> Thursday. Last night Col Maxwell sent nine soldiers on a hand Car to go to Yosts Tavern & take another search after Malone & his squad of rebels. If they did not find them, they were to come to our town & guard it from raiders, which they did & watched around until day light. They then stacked arms & lay in the S.E. corner of the Center house lot under the shade of the Hemlock Tree & slept until dinner time to day, when they were called to the office to partake of some dinner. The Colonel was fearful on our account, lest the enmity



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of Malones friends might be stirred to come and require us, as they knew, or judged that Jefferson informed him of their whereabouts.

Elder John is still confined to the shop with his wound not having been able to get out of doors since he cut his ankle.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sabbath. Rained more or less all the afternoon. Public meetings are dismissed for the present. Spectators behaved so badly. It is a time of much affliction now with us, a goodly number are afflicted with diarrhea or something like flux. Some 15 or 20 are down & others have symptoms.

4<sup>th</sup> Monday. Mer. 67 deg at sun rise.

5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. Mer. 69 deg " " " It rose to 94 deg at 2 O'Clock.

6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. Last night about 10 O'Clock a company of 100 Cavalry passed thro our village going down the country, or West from here. Each man seemed to be leading a horse by the side of the one he was riding.

The Captain saw a light in our shop. He rapped on the fence with violence, James Richardson who was up, walked out to see what was wanting. The Captain asked very

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sternly what he was doing up at so late an hour. James replied, that he was attending on an aged Brother who had cut his ankle very badly. That seemed to satisfy him, yet he put many questions, such as; Has there been many soldiers here lately? Has there been any Southern rights soldiers here? Or, has there been any Federals here lately? How far is it to Russellville? How far to B Green? Is there any oat-field near by here? Of what Politics are you? To which side do you lean, to the Federal or the Southern rights? James answered all his questions as well as he could: and when he told them we were neutral & took no part in the conflict, they appeared surprised. Four of the company rode on to the Office & reported back to the company, that all was quiet there. Then one gave a low whistle & all moved off quietly without drawing on us for any thing. Their manner of asking questions, left us in doubt whether they were Federals or Rebels.

To day the Train from Clarksville did not come, at the usual hour; having been detained until noon, when they reached our Depot.



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While a large company got off the Cars to gal-  
lant about over our premises.

They said the soldiers & passengers Cars, some-  
how became detached from the main train,  
below Russellville & after the train had moved  
on a few miles, a company of about a  
dozen bushwhackers fired from the woods on  
the train. It was at this juncture that  
the engineer found the train minus the  
two Cars & no soldiers aboard. He feared to  
go back for them lest the train might be  
captured. So he pushed forward to Russel-  
ville, & got a company of soldiers & returned  
for the missing Cars; found them both safe  
and the passengers & soldiers unmolested. The  
bushwhackers all skedaddled without doing any  
material injury. It looks like some of the  
breakmen understood the plot; & detached  
those Cars in order to have no soldiers a-  
board & to save the passengers.

Some 10 or 12 of this company beset us to  
cook & furnish them dinner; Our Sisters  
pleaded unable, & tried to get them to go  
to the Tavern, telling them we had a great  
deal of sickness at this time which occu-

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ried the time & strength of those who are able to be about. But it was of no use dinner they must have right here. The Sisters concluded to charge them a dollar each, and may be that would cure them of coming here to get dinner. They never hesitated but paid it freely & said if we had charged them ten dollars each, they were bound to have it.

7<sup>th</sup> Thursday. Last night some night prowler tried to get into the framed house where the little girls live. The Sisters heard them try the door, then they tried the window shut, but all was securely fastened. They were heard to step on a loose plank, which lay on the slab walk. They absconded.

8<sup>th</sup> Friday. Yesterday the brethren of the East family went to the Steam Mill at Auburn with a wagon load of wheat to get it manufactured into Mill. They had taken two of their best horses to draw the wagon. They arrived home about 8 O'clock. Jonathan went out to help Edward & the hired boy to unload the wagon; after they had emptied the wagon & were ready to drive on to the stable lot to ungear & feed the horses, four armed men came to



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them & dressed in Federal uniform & demanded their horses. Edward Neal had started to the crib with the Lantern to get some Corn. They ordered him to come back & unharness the team, he was not inclined to obey, they called to him the third time & cursed & threatened to shoot him if he did not obey. Edward returned with his Lantern to the horses, they cursed & threatened them if they left. They took the Lantern & examined the horses' mouths, & asked several questions concerning their qualifications & merits. They said they were Federals & were in pursuit of rebel guerillas & would return the horses to morrow evening. Jonathan asked them to what regiment they belonged. They let out their oaths unsparringly & said they belonged to a regiment of their own. They went to work themselves to take the harness off, seeing the brethren were determined not to do it for them; yet, they made the negro assist them with heavy threats & cocked pistols. They asked for saddles & bridles Jonathan told them he had no saddle for them. They looked into the Buggy & found the herdsman's saddle & bridle & took them. They

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soon had the horse rigged & started out of the lot, with both of the horses, they halted and sent one of their company up towards the center to call those who had been left to guard this end of the road & tell them they accomplished their design. The brethren were well convinced, that they were nothing better than horse thieves or guerillas. There were nine of them seen by our folks, the brethren watched them over the red hill & untill they crossed the Rail Road, & took the road south towards J. Blands. This morning it is to be seen where they turned into our oat field to feed their horses. Joe McDonald said they passed by his house in the night, & from the noise they made he would have thought there were between 30 & 40 of them.

9<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Mer 69 deg at sun rise, it rose to 100 deg by 2 O'clock. The sickness continues unabated, those who are confined with flux have sick stomachs & high fevers. Maria Price has the Erysipelas again. Her head & face is badly swollen.

10<sup>th</sup> Sabbath. Just after the clock struck ten A.M. a company of 30 Cavalry with two baggage wagons passed thro' our village going East. They had a small flag of stars & stripes, swallow tail shaped;



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held up to the breeze. We thought they were Federals. We noticed one of their horses was very lame. They passed on untill they got to the East Family, there they halted & called for water. Two of the company struck off thro' the North lane between the two gardens, and on to the horse lot to exchange their lame horse for two of ours. The little boys being at the Stable, the word soon went round that Guerillas were stealing our horses. Some of the Brethren were soon on the ground. The young man had stript his lame horse & put his rigging on one of ours, & was just about to mount when Lorenzo & Jefferson came up to them. I had a stone in each hand. Lorenzo spoke in a commanding voice, telling him to dismount. You are too fast, You are not going to take those horses. We are the proper owners. The poor fellow dismounted & replied, my Lieutenant told me to get the horses. Lorenzo said, It matters not who sent you, you are not going to take them. Jefferson said, you may as well surrender, you are our prisoner. Lorenzo soon had the saddle & fixtures off our horse & sent the little boys off with them to the woods, or orchard to hide

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them. The youth (for such he was) when our boys started away with the horses asked what they were going to do with them. Lorenzo put his hands on each side of the youth's face & held him untill our horses were out of sight. His gun was tied fast to his saddle. The brethren got it loose & disarmed him; while this was going on, the Sisters in each family commenced ringing the big bells. The man who was still on his own horse asked what the Bells were ringing for. Jefferson replied, to call the soldiers from the depot. What soldiers? Jefferson replied, Federal soldiers. With that he spurred his horse & made for the lane he went in at. Jackson Mc-Gown called aloud to not let that man pass untill the Federal soldiers arrived. At this, he made his horse fairly spread himself untill he got into the main road, and on he went till he overtook his company and informed the Lieutenant that we had taken one of his men prisoner. After the youth was left alone with the brethren he said his Parents had raised him well & taught him to live by honesty, that he had been led into this horse stealing. He asked if we killed prisoners whom



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we take. Jefferson said he believed that was the order in the last paper. Some of the brethren told him we would not hurt him. When Lieutenant Phelps got the word that we had one of his men in custody, he became furious, & the whole company turned & came back, cursing, swearing & threatening vengeance on us. Still a goodly number of us did not know but they were Federals, & those who were in the horse lot taking the horses; Guerillas. Five or six of the company as they came back dashed in thro' the same lane & on to the horse lot, & upon finding no horses there & their comrade gone, their eyes flashed. They cursed & swore they would shoot, they took aim at John Perryman, he held up his white handkerchief, but they disregarded it & fired away & knocked up the dust close by. John seeing they disregarded his white flag, thought it would be policy to get out of their way, so run & dodged behind a large oak. They fired after him again, the bullet entered the Tree & split the Bark a good ways up. After they were gone the brethren cut the bullet out of the Tree. They fired at Joseph Averitt 3 times, the second time

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they knocked up the dust close by him in the road as he was making for the garden. Just as he mounted the fence they fired the third time & cut a limb off the Procon Tree which hit Joseph's hat, at the same time he tumbled over the fence, & they cried they had shot on d-d rascal. Jefferson after taking the youth captive, handed him over to Lorenzo, who led him up to the company right in the public square & said here is your man, four or five voices shouted at once. Shoot him! Shoot him! For my part I did not still know that it was the brethren who were to be shot; I thought it was the prisoner. He was a beardless boy, he was frightened till the muscles of his face and arms were in a quiver & jerk. I believe he was afraid of that wicked Phelps, as well as of our people, for when the cry of shoot him was given, he swore that here he was, & they might do what they pleased with him. They gave us to understand against whom their fury was aimed, by actually shooting after the brethren. Of all the mad men my eyes ever saw; some of these were the most furious & hard to appease. The youth was quite humbled & submissive, untill he was handed over



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to his Company, than he cursed & swore at every sentence. The Lieutenant cursed us for a d-d set of traitors to our Country. He believed that we harbored Guerillas here; said they could be traced all round us; & they could be traced no further than this place. He believed we were enemies to our Country & we ought to be blowed out & this place destroyed. Said they were going night & day to protect us & what in the name of H-l do you do for your country. He wanted to know what that d-d Bell was ringing for. Solomon told him it was to call them back to our assistance, believing they were friends & that those who were taking the horses were robbers. He believed we were calling Guerillas to our assistance. He sternly demanded with an oath in every sentence, to have the two men brought forward (Lorenzo & Jefferson) to give an account of their conduct in presuming to take any of his men prisoners. By this time these two brethren had withdrawn themselves from the scene of action & were not to be found. He tried hard to learn their names; but one & another could say they did not see them. He called a young

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man by the name of Mc Goldric to one side & asked him for the names of the two brethren, L & J. but he said he was a stranger & did not know the men. He called another of the Gentiles to one side & tried him, but he could not tell, so the names were not given. He then exclaimed aloud that he would shoot or hang somebody, or have a horse before he left this place. He said, if the two brethren were not delivered up, this place should suffer. He repeated it several times, that he would burn the place before he left, that it ought to be destroyed, & it would take but a few minutes to do it. He pretended to believe that if he & his company had not returned, we would have killed the youth. He acknowledged that he had sent him to take the horse, & he would have it. The brethren & Sisters too tried to reason with him, & so did the first Lieutenant Mc Gruder, & others of the company, but it was no use, for his dignity was so shorn, that there was no reason left in him, if he ever had any. Some of the more sensible ones of his own men, appeared ashamed of the raid & told him it would not do to shoot unarmed.



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men. They told our brethren that Phelps was not fit to lead a company, he was too fractious & unreasonable. The brethren & Sisters carried out to them some pies & milk, some early apples, & with soft gentle reasoning, tried to quench the fire that was raging & burning within some of them & had burst without of the rest.

It is said they got all to partake of what was offered but Lieutenant Phelps. The Sisters tried to coax & persuade him, but he frankly owned that he was too mad to eat, & ordered them to go into the house, saying, he did not wish to talk with them; Eldress Jency told him while patting him on the shoulder that she would like to see him in a better humor before she left him. One of the company told Irene to go into the house; she replied, I am at home; in her prompt way. The fellow could not help smiling.

One of the Sisters insisted on one of the men to take some pie & milk, which he had refused several times, finally he accepted, & then said this is d-d sham kindness. One said he wished the women would go

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into the house, & they would make the bullets fly like hail. Since writing the foregoing pages, we are informed by Eldress Fannie who resides in the East family, where they had a fair view of the whole proceedings. She saw the Lieutenant make the signal to the men to go & take the horses. There had come a company of our rebel neighbours to attend public meeting, (which was of course laid over.) Some of them were very much diverted with the raid or disturbance; they went grinning & chattering with each other to see & hear the marauders so vindictive at our people. They believing they were rebels. But they could not learn in reality, who, or what they were, any more than we could, at last one girl said, they are just what I believed they were Federal Guerillas. I think it was more than Phelps' proud haughty nature could bear, to know that one of his armed men was taken captive by our unarmed citizens, therefore, he was deprived of all reason, if he ever had any.

There was a great deal more of just such stuff, that was talked & acted out in the pub-



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lie square, which is too confused to put on record. What I have written is what I saw myself & gathered from reliable persons.

It was but little over an hour from the time they first appeared in the streets till they started off again, which was ten minutes after eleven O'clock. A. M. & truly we were glad when they were out of sight. But what may follow this is more than we can tell.

Just as they were leaving, there fell a good shower of rain, which was much needed.

A little before one O'clock there came a company of 20 Cavalry, Lieutenant Bennetts men from Franklin. They had been scouting round all night & thus far of the day after guerillas. They had heard of a company of 9 or ten being out at Squire Hollands last night about midnight. Also they had heard of a squad being at Dr. Rhea's.

The Lieutenant called for dinner for himself & his men, which was prepared & the tables set, in the Center House dining room.

The whole scene what had just transpired was related over to them, Bennett said it was hard for him to determine whether

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they were rebels or not. One thing he tho't rebels would not have wagons to be encumbered with, neither would they have displayed the Stars & Stripes.

Bro<sup>r</sup> Solomon told him that the Federal flag nor the Federal uniform was any-thing to be relied on now. For just the other night there came some nine or ten well-dressed men in the Federal Uniform, who said they were scouting after rebels; & said they must have two of our horses. They threatened to shoot the brethren, & by the force of arms they took the two horses.

Lieutenant Bennett said if they were Federals they had acted badly, & of course they would not want to be reported on. He said they had no authority from the Government to take horses, unless it should be in case of an emergency, & then there is a right way to proceed, said, there was no need of such conduct. When he wanted any thing, he asked civilly for it, & the people were generally kind & accommodating & he met with no such difficulties, he thought this was the most ridiculous thing he had met



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with, since he had been engaged in the service of the War, if they are Federals but if they are Rebels they are too strong for our force. Bennetts company after they had refreshed themselves rode off West, & scouted in this neighborhood a few hours, & then returned this way again; they passed on thro' our Village about 3 O'clock P.M. & said they were going on as far East as the East section & there they would wait for re-enforcements from Bowling Green. About six O'clock P.M. they returned with the addition of 30 more Cavalry under Major Tyler. There were now fifty of them together; they rode into Town very quietly & in nice order, two & two, as far as the Office. There they halted the men a few minutes & enquired the way to Hines Mill, said they would stay about two miles north of this place at one Harkreaders to night & then go on in the morning to Hines. They rode off again in the same quiet orderly way, but before they got out of the North lane, it began to rain so hard, they stopped at the North family's Cow barn & there remained over night. They were furnished supper for

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the men; & good Hay for their horses.

The reader may Judge if we have not had a very confused & perplexing Sabbath.

11<sup>th</sup> Monday. This morning the brethren offered to have breakfast prepared for the soldiers.

The Officers declined saying, that we were too liberal. They moved off by day-light or by five O'clock A. M.

Lieutenant Bennett was with his company at Auburn & a company of Foragers came up from Russellville with their guard in advance of the wagons; they saw the soldiers at Auburn & took them to be the guerillas who had made so much trouble in this section of late. So without any ceremony they fired upon them. Bennetts company returned the fire on the guard, & they seeing the force at Auburn was too strong for them, they turned & fled precipitately. As one of the guard passed by a store door in such haste, his gun accidentally went off, he was so frightened, he thought some person in the store had shot at him. They made straight tracks to Russellville from whence they had come; & reported that guerillas had taken possession of Auburn & were



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there in force. As the foragers were skedaddling they could not move fast enough with their wagons so they unhitched their teams & left the wagons standing in the road.

Lieutenant Bennett sent a courier with the White flag, but he could not overtake them. They collected a force at Russelville, & came on to Auburn to settle up with the guerillas, when they arrived there, they found their mistake. The soldier whose gun went off returned to the store to have the matter investigated, & the offender punished. There was nearly a dozen witnesses who saw the gun go off. The man was called on to examine his gun & see, & behold it was empty, & he knew not how it came to be unloaded. That settled the matter.

12<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. Mer. 71 deg. at sun rise.

To day a Dentist, who is a Poleander by birth, came here to get acquainted with our people & manner of living, he brought with him his baggage & all his accoutrements. He has a splendid case of dentistry tools. He is just out of a spell of sickness. His name is Frank Adolphus Winituska.

13<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. The old Post Office has cleaned up,

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& put in order for the dentist to occupy.

14<sup>th</sup> Thursday. We are informed, that, on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, the citizens & some soldiers of Woodburn (seven miles from South Union) had a general pic-nic. While they were feasting & taking comfort a party of guerillas slipped in & stole several horses. They were immediately pursued by the soldiers & citizens, they overtook & caught one of the gang, & put him in charge of two soldiers. One of the soldiers left the prisoner with the other soldier & went to the Widow Hendricks for whiskey. The prisoner took advantage of this opportunity & killed the Federal that was left with him & made good his escape. The soldiers & citizens kept straight on & came upon the horses, hitched in the woods, but the robbers had fled & were out of sight. The Federals brought back the horses, & when they learned what had befallen their fellow soldier, they became so exasperated & angry, they went to the Widow's house & threw stones & broke the windows, & stove in the heads of the whiskey barrels & let the contents run out.

15<sup>th</sup> Friday. Sickness still continues. Elder Robinson is not out of danger. Eldress Susan Smith is in a critical condition. Lucinda Bromley



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is very low, her case is somewhat like the Cholera.

20<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. As Brother Urban came down on the Cars from Bowling Green he was informed, that there were two guerillas aboard who have been selected from the Military Prison in Louisville. They are sent under a strong guard to the Commander of the Post at Russellville who is ordered to have the two men executed on the spot where Parker was murdered.

Also two other prisoners captured with a guerilla band were taken from the same prison yesterday to be forwarded to Henderson, Ky, to shoot in retaliation for the murder of a loyal man, by the name of Rankin. He was shot by a band of those outlaws. The above statement is confirmed in the Louisville Journal of to day.

The same paper states that in Mississippi wherever a loyal Citizen is murdered, four guerillas will be selected from among the prisoners, in the hands of the Military Authorities & publicly shot to death in the most convenient place near the scene of outrage.

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21<sup>st</sup> Thursday. Mer. 72 deg. at sunrise. This evening the Mer. rose to 94 deg. Very dry weather. Rain much needed to insure a crop.

23<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Just as the warning bell rang for dinner a company of 54 Cavalry men, with one baggage wagon, passed quietly thro' our village, thro' a cloud of dust. They did not so much as halt for a cool drink of water, but kept on west.

Later, a company of six hundred Cavalry passed thro' our street going up the country to Lexington, Ky. They are from Hopkinsville Ky. They had with them three drums, several flags, 20 odd wagons, ambulances &c; & one cannon. A goodly number called at our well to get a cool drink & fill their canteens. The brethren gave them some apples &c; they are of Col. Sharlings Regiment 35<sup>th</sup> Ky. There are (I am told) of the same regiment of those who behaved so badly, here on Sabbath 11<sup>th</sup> inst, shooting at the brethren. I have been informed since writing the above that this whole regiment has left Hopkinsville, & the lower part of this State is left to take care of itself. There is a small force to be stationed at



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24<sup>th</sup> Sabbath. About four O'clock this afternoon another company of soldiers appeared in our street from above. We could not learn the exact number, but would guess there were about 200 of Col. Griders 52<sup>nd</sup> Kentucky Regiment. They are going down to Russelville. Eunice F. had gathered some two bushels of early apples on Saturday, she gave them to Solomon R. to distribute around as far as they would go, & depend upon it, they rushed up to him with a will. One man said to Solomon; What are they worth? He replied, they are worth eating; Then what do you charge? Not any thing. Thank you, sir, & then helped himself freely. They called at the well, & filled their canteens with cool water & passed on without any demand on us for cooking or eatables.

In our one O'clock meeting, we on our bended knees, unitedly prayed for rain, for the earth at this time, is quite parched, & the crops suffering for a good shower.

25<sup>th</sup> Monday. This afternoon seven Cavalry men passed thro' our village going West.

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- 26<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. This afternoon eight soldiers with one wagon passed thro' our village going West.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. This morning we had quite a pleasant rain, which filled our hearts with gratitude & thankfulness to God.
- 31<sup>st</sup> Sabbath. Mer. 72½ deg. at sun rise. It rose to 100 deg at 30 minutes after two O'clock. This afternoon we had another light shower of rain. Last night we had a yoke of oxen stolen from the woodland pasture.

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- 1<sup>st</sup> Monday. Mer. 71 deg. at sun rise. After one O'clock P.M. we had a most delightful shower of rain.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday. Mer. 70 deg at sun rise.
- Yesterday Jefferson & Lorenzo started out in search of the missing oxen. Lorenzo returned late in the evening with them, he found them about 5 miles from here. The man who had taken them had sold them for 75 dollars, to a man by the name of Hays. \$35 in money & a watch worth \$40. Hays had sold them to his Brother for \$132, provided they were not stolen oxen. When Lorenzo got there & saw the oxen in the field, he told the man of the farm, that they belonged to our people.



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Haze gave them up freely, but he seemed to be quite intent on getting the man who had taken them from our Woodland pasture.

He came with three or four men to our Town about nine O'Clock to search around for the rogue, believing he would be back for another haul. But they did not find him here. It is believed by some, that one of our hired men is an accomplice in the deed. (An English man)

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday. Jefferson informs us that on last Tuesday night, there went a company of guerrillas or night robbers to the Town of Auburn, dressed in Federal uniform, & robbed the stores & citizens of the Town to the amount of over \$3000 worth. They broke open doors, & split open fresh boxes of goods, which had not been opened since they were packed & brought on, & rifled them of their contents. They packed the goods in sacks to carry away. They knocked down young Gordon & took his rifle & pistol & robbed the house. Some of the citizens got on the hand car, about an hour after the robbers left, & went to Russelville, to inform the Military Authorities, & get their assistance to hunt out the marauders. After they had related their

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story; the Officers met them with curses and with abusive language & wished to know why they did not come & inform them before the robbers got there. Insinuating, that there were some there who were ready to assist the guerillas with the knowledge of who & where to plunder. The message bearers did not stop for that, but went on to Franklin & made their distress known to the Military Officers, & then sent word to Officers of Bowling Green.

It is rumored here that two of the men who went in pursuit of the person who purloined our Oxen, got on the track of the one supposed to be the offender, they overtook him & got the watch, but failed to get the money. They said they left him, where they found him, & they did not think he would ever steal any more stock. Is not this an awful day & time we live in, that a man's life is considered of no more value than to be hunted down & murdered without trial from Judge or Jury, for the poor pitiful crime of stealing his neighbors stock. They who can do such crimes must be actuated by no small degree of the same influence that guerillas are possessed of.



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This evening after 8 O'clock a company of 25 Infantry with two wagons came into our Village & halted for the night at our West lot. They called for supper; they were furnished with bread, meat, milk & fruit. They were the 48<sup>th</sup> Regt.

5<sup>th</sup> Friday. The soldiers who came here yesterday called for breakfast, & when the brethren carried it to them; they very soon discovered, that they had not been content or satisfied with what was given them for supper. They had been to the garden & pulled onions & green Corn, & feasted on them. The husks of the Corn & the onion tops, were scattered about where they camped.

In the forenoon three wagons well filled with soldiers passed thro' our Village going West. They were mostly colored troops. And this evenings Train brought three cars filled with colored soldiers. It is said the negroes stop about in the Towns close by, dressed in the Federal uniform, looking quite sassy.

7<sup>th</sup> Sabbath. The three families attended Church meeting at one O'clock. We had but a formal meeting, we sung, marched & danced. Finally

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Elder Hervey called for the seats to be brought forward, that we might spend some time in singing, as the weather was very warm. We sung several songs, then he spoke to the assembly very much to the purpose on the necessity of bearing a full cross against the lust of the flesh &c.

We are informed that yesterday a company of guerillas went in broad day light to the neighborhood of Proctors Steam Mill & took 16 horses.

8<sup>th</sup> Monday. Mer. 69 deg. at sun rise. It rose to 95 deg. by half after one P.M.

9<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. Mer. 70 deg. at sun rise. It rose to 97 deg at 3 O'clock.

11<sup>th</sup> Thursday. To day the brethren finished the harvest. All the Oats, Hay & Rye are hauled in & stored in the Mows.

12<sup>th</sup> Friday. Mer. 73 deg at sun rise.

14<sup>th</sup> Sabbath. It was decided to have each family hold their one O'clock devotion at home.

Just as we were crossing the street, going over to the house, to attend meeting a company of 12 Cavalry men with 45 horses appeared in sight west of the Office; Each man



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had 3 or 4 horses- harnessed together leading beside the one he was riding. They passed on quietly going East, they did not call on us, but they halted at the East family. They are of the 26<sup>th</sup> Ky, Cavalry, Col Maxwell's regiment, they are engaged pressing horses for army service. The name of the Leader is Redfern.

About four O'clock P.M. we were blest with another good rain, for which we were very thankful. For some time past we have had a very dry & parching season.

Last night at half after nine, the doors were barred & all the inmates of the Office had retired to rest for the night. Two men came & knocked at the Office door. The brethren inquired, Who is there? They replied your friends. Jessie said, What are you wanting? They replied, we want in the house to remain overnight with you. Jesse told them we could not take them in, we were crowded with boarders, & they could go to the Tavern which is near by. They said they had been there & had been chased away by bushwhackers. Jesse said, we can't help that, we cannot take you in. So they left & went to the Darkies house & knocked. They asked

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admittance saying the Shakers sent them there. The old man Stephen opened the door for them. They both had on Federal uniforms. They proposed a trade with him; which was to change their uniforms for citizens dress. Stephen agreed to change with them if they would each give him three dollars to boot. They agreed & changed suits. The darkey got the six dollars & two good suits of uniform. They rested themselves awhile. Near one O'clock in the night we were disturbed of our rest, by the sound of musketry, or pistols firing in quick succession. To me, it sounded like a company of men pounding away on the Barn or stable, trying to break the door down or burst the planks off the sides. So it sounded out West of the Office in the stillness of the night. Several of the brethren in the Center family & Sisters too, got up to ascertain what it was & where the sound came from. Three of the brethren, went down by the little girls house & on to the frame house where the Dentist stays, & all was quiet there. They went on down to the Mill & found no disturbance there, neither was there any thing to be seen at the Tan Yard, so they came on



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round by the West Lot & on to the Darkie's house & called there. Stephen was slow about giving an answer. The brethren asked him if there was any person in the house with him. He very gruffly said nobody, but dem two men you all sent here. Solomon asked what men. He replied dem sojers. Solomon asked him if he had heard any noise. Yes, he had heard shooting. The two men kept still & appeared to be asleep. So the matter rested untill morning. The brethren not knowing but the Office folks might have sent them there.

15<sup>th</sup> Monday. This morning, Tom, one of our colored hired men, who had been to Russelville to visit his Lady, had tarried over night at Auburn & as he took an early start to come on here, & got as far as the Old field this side of Yost's Tavern, he said he saw about 40 armed men in the field. He jumped the fence & hid himself in the cornfield.

Also, early this morning, Doctor Rhea came over to the Office & revealed the whole mystery, which caused the disturbance last night. He said that a company of guerillas called at John Rast Mortons, & enquired the way to

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Dr Phea's & William Barnetts houses. They demanded entrance but Phea told them not so; They said they would get in, he was determined they should not get in & took down his gun & fired at them. They returned the fire vigorously, untill there were near 40 shots fired by both parties. He said that he fired near a dozen shots himself & his two sons & himself used all the ammunition they had but about three rounds. He told them to reserve that, & if any of them forced their way into the house to give it to them. He said he fired at them from the window, & they at him, said two bullets grazed his head & cut the hair therefrom & one went thro' his shirt collar & thro' his coat collar. That his two sons had several holes cut in their clothing, & that one of them had his pocket book shot to pieces & his watch very much marred, & strange to say after all this, there was not a drop of blood shed nor a scratch on one of the three. He said he could not tell whether any of the guerillas were hit or not. He wanted our brethren to go to Bowling Green & inform the Military Authorities of what had happened here in our



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vicinity, & he wanted them to buy some ammunition for him. He believed they would come back to his house to day, & he was determined to defend it at the risk of his own life. The brethren told him we could not do it, we did not wish to do any thing to incur their displeasure or draw down their wrath upon ourselves. Rhea replied, that refusing to accommodate him, would not save us. The brethren told him, it would be time enough for us to make complaint when we are ourselves injured & he had better go up to Town himself & tell his own story & buy what he needed. He said he was afraid to leave home. He said his son McRhea saw two men in the woods between his house & our place, we suppose they are the same two who lodged with the darkey & changed clothes with him. They told him they belonged to Col. Adam R Johnson's Army, Commander of the Confederate forces of Southern Ky, & they did not care who knows it, said there are 50 of us & we are fully able to defend ourselves. They said they would visit Shakertown & would burn out the East family.

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Yesterday, Aunt Jennie thought she heard several reports from the mouth of cannon in the direction of Galliton, Tenn.

About 9 O'clock, A.M. Redfiren with his little company of 12 Cavalrymen returned from Bowling Green, they halted in our street a few minutes & our brethren told them what had happened two miles West from here last night, but told them that their force was reported to be 50, which would be too strong for their little company. Redfiren said he did not care what their force was, if he could overtake them, he would give them battle, the best he was able, any how he said he would like to meet 20 of them or double his number. Redfiren enquired how many horses had been taken from our Society since the war commenced. Solomon told him he thought there had been 17. R- said he did not wish to take any from us. Solomon told him, we had but very few horses at this time, that either the Federals or Rebels would have, said we had none suitable for Cavalry horses. Redfiren replied to Solomon the horse you are on is very fat, he looks



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as if he would be good to eat.

This evening Thomas Rhea one of the Doctors sons- came here & begged Elder Hervey to let two or three of our young brethren come to their house & stay all night, to help them protect their property from those thieving out-laws, he said with tears in his eyes that if you are willing, I think I can get Lorenzo, John Perryman & some others to come. Elder Hervey told him he was not willing. It is pointedly against our faith to fight, &c; &c.

Rhea said, it is reported the woods are full of guerillas & he believed they would come to his Fathers house again to night. Elder Hervey asked him how many of the neighbors would be there; he said there would be four or five, his father & four sons, young men, but if he would let the boys come, they should have guns to defend themselves. In this way he begged & pleaded hard for our boys. Hervey stuck to it that we could not agree for them to violate our faith to use weapons of war, besides, we stood in need of the presence of all our young brethren at home to help protect our premises.

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16<sup>th</sup>. Tuesday. At about 10 O'clock A.M. we had another light shower of rain. We are informed that last Friday a squad of four guerillas after making several unsuccessful attempts to rob for money, they visited Joel Moreheads, in the neighborhood of Woodburn on the Nashville road, he answered their call with powder & lead, & put an end to the miserable existence of one of the party named T. J. Dernel a citizen & neighbor well known, & esteemed by many as an upright young man. Another citizen is arrested & in Irons in Bowling Green who was an accomplice; his name is Smith - And a third citizen, named Bryant made his escape. After they attacked J. Morehead's house, he told them to wait a minute, when he loaded his pistol, & fired thro' the window, & the company dispersed. It was not known that the load had taken effect in one of them until the next morning; one of the servants found him dead at the gate. The three citizens named were seen together late in the evening, and when Smith was arrested, he owned they were together, but said the bushwhackers got after him.



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& he did not know what become of Dernal.  
 17<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. To day a company of Sisters went  
 in the Concord Carriage to Bowling Green,  
 their names are, Elverene Hilton, Jane Cowan,  
 Lucilla Booker, Eveline Edwards, & Mary B. Wam,  
 Joseph went with them to drive the team.  
 Eli Mc went on the Cars, to assist in accommo-  
 dating the Sisters. We had frequent showers  
 all day, but very little rain has-fell.

18<sup>th</sup> Thursday. The other day Samuel Mc-Don-  
 nell & his servant boy passed thro' our street  
 going to the Mill, Lorenzo discovered that the  
 servant boy was on one of our meal bags.  
 He halted the boy & asked him who he belonged  
 to. The boy seemed loth to tell, Lorenzo told  
 him he had his corn in one of our sacks &  
 he must deliver it up, Mc-Donnell said if  
 he would let them take their grain to the  
 Mill he would return the sack. He took  
 the grain to our Mill & had it ground, but  
 did not return the sack. Subsequently he  
 was seen late in the evening in our melon  
 ground & the next morning all the green  
 Melons of any size were cut open & all pros-  
 pect of getting fruit therefrom was baffled.

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At noon to day he came riding along & got off his ~~well~~ horse at the well. Lorenzo & James (both fearless in disposition) attacked him about the melons & the meal sack. S. Mc-Donnell became furious & abused the brethren with his tongue. Among other expressions told him he did not say to him that he destroyed the melons, he said he was seen in the patch late in the evening & the next morning the melons were cut open; but one thing is certain, if they were hanging crimes you have done enough on this place to have hung you long ago.

After Mc-D had vented his spleen in words as much as he dared do, he got on his horse & struck the gallop, when he was opposite the horse stable where there were a number of boys attending to their respective duties, he fired his pistol, towards the stable, the charge going over the boys heads, then he galloped for life.

Later, in the evening, he returned with two other boys & with his gun on his shoulder, he went loitering about our streets on horseback finally he saw Lorenzo & told him if he would come to his house, he could have the meal



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sack. John Perryman came up to him & told him of shooting at his boys & frightening them so. S. McDL said, he just wanted to show them that he could shoot. John said to him, you just wanted to show that you have a pistol. And now you may know it, there is yet both civil & military law in this state, & if this kind of work has to go on, we will try one or the other, we are not willing to be imposed on in this way. Last Tuesday, Elder Wm Ware with one of his hired men started to Waddles mill for lumber, they had to camp out at night, so Elder Wm thought it the best policy to take the ox team to do the hauling & he rode a little diseased pony that the soldiers had left in our hands, so as not to lose a better one by those marauding bands, who are infesting the regions round about at this time. It was a late hour before he fell asleep & in the morning when he awoke from his slumbers, his pony was missing. He may have got loose & strayed off; he could not know, but one thing he did know the horse was diseased & he feared he had the glanders; therefore, he did not think

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him worth spending much time to hunt after, & came home without him. This has been a rainy day.

19<sup>th</sup> Friday. Mer. 64 deg at sun rise. Cloudy & heavy fog. To day we have had frequent showers.

Brother Lorenzo started this morning with a five horse team to Galway's Mill, about 20 miles distant from here in Butler County for lumber to make a watering trough. As fresh rumors were rife, that guerillas were robbing & stealing all thro' these western Counties, we became uneasy about his safety with five horses, & knowing his fearless spirit, it was concluded for Brother Solomon to take a horse & follow him, & then if guerillas were to attack him there would be a chance for us to hear from him. We are informed that 20 Colored soldiers were put off the cars at Auburn & stationed there to guard the Depot & Government stores for the present.

20<sup>th</sup> Saturday. To day about 11 O'clock A.M. a company of 24 guerillas entered our village from above, or the East end of the main road. They halted at the East family & took two horses & would have taken the third horse



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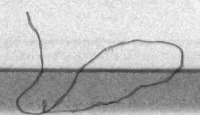
but they could not catch him. They met with William Holland a near neighbor & forced him to pilot them thro' Shakertown. He told them we had no good Cavalry horses, & we were a harmless people who kept no arms, & took no part in politics, & that they must not shoot any one here. They nearly all wear blue coats. He heard one of the men speak to Captain Smith & ask him what about leaving those two men, who are to cut the Telegraph wires. Smith said they would wait for them. They came on quietly thro' our street, but some how, nearly every one who saw them as they moved along, were impressed with the belief, that they were a band of guerillas, when they arrived at the Blacksmith shop, they halted to get the two horses shod, which they had taken from the East family.

Elder Hervey went to the Smith shop to see what was to be done. The blacksmith was too slow for them, so when he got one shoe on, they concluded they could wait no longer. They enquired if there was another shop near by. Hervey told him there was one about a mile ahead on the main road. He asked

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if it belonged to our people. Hervey said, nay, it did not. The Captain asked what was the charge for putting on that shoe.? Hervey replied not any thing, as they were soldiers and had a hard time of it any how. They looked around in the shop & gathered up all the shoes & nails they could find & pocketed them and then started on. When they came near the West cow barn they saw Logan Johns and they made towards him, he saw them coming & believed they were guerillas; he hastened up stairs & crawled into the hay mow & concealed himself in the hay. They called to him to come out & show himself for they knew he was there. Then some of them went up stairs & in their rough swearing language called again & again; but no answer came; Logan said he stuck the closer to the Hay. Finally, one fellow said, this is no horse stable, just look at them ox yokes. They gave it up & left. But Logan lay there afraid to move for some time, not knowing but some of them might be there quietly waiting for him. As they were leaving our premises, they saw some of our little boys, & called them to come





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to them, saying the bushwhackers would take them if they went in that direction, said they had been after them. They halted & asked the boys several questions; such as: Are you ever troubled with guerillas? Sometimes we are. — What are your people generally Federal or Rebel? We are all Union. They examined the old horse they had to the Cart, & then said to the boys, your old horse is not worth a damn.

After they were thro' the street, they saw Daniel Browning, who lives about six miles North of us, coming up from our Mill on his fine \$300 horse. They halted & one advanced towards him a little ahead of the main body & ordered him to get off his horse; he began to plead that he was an old man & that was his riding horse. They said it made no difference he had to give it up; of course, he felt there was no alternative but to obey, as they were all well armed. He dismounted & took off his saddle, & laid his shawl on it. They asked him to empty his pockets, the old man put his hands to one pocket & told them it was only his comb & knife. They said what's in that other pocket, some news

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Journals. They said hand them out, we want a Louisville Journal. Now what's in the other pocket? hand it out. It contained his pocket book with but \$12. They took the contents & gave him back the empty book. They took his fine horse, & gave him a poor one-eyed skeleton of a Mare; which the old man said he would not have accepted, if it had not been too muddy to walk home. Our brethren encouraged him to keep the nag & she might be of service to him yet. But while they were searching his pockets; one of the company took the old man's shawl from his saddle & then boasted to his companions, that he possessed as good a shawl as any of them could produce. Soon after this, the two men who had been left behind, at the East family to cut the Telegraph wires came up to their company. The Captain asked them if they had completed the job. They replied they had not. They could not get an axe in all this dead place, to cut the post down. The Captain said why didn't you set the house on fire, & he would warrant they could have produced one. True enough, they searched the wood house



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& sheds & asked several persons whom they met, to furnish them with an axe, but not one of them could tell where they could get one. Finally they went to the Garden House and asked Frederick Snider for an axe. He told them he had none. Well in the name of the Devil how do you cut your wood without an axe. Frederick replied, I don't cut wood, I am a Gardner. They left him & went to the Sisters & asked them where they might find an axe. Of course the Sisters could not accommodate them. Well, they exclaimed this is the poorest d-d place I was in, that can't afford a single axe. So they had to leave without completing the job. The truth is no one wished to find them an axe. They went on & met with Jacob Proctor, then they released William Holland & took Jacob to pilot them. One of the guerillas knew Jacob & had forced him to pilot them once before. They told Holland when they released him, if his horse had shoes on, & was fit for a Cavalry horse they would take him, but as it was, they let him go, but enquired of him if there were any soldiers at

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Auburn, he told them there were some there yesterday. They said, then we will not go there. Some of them turned off in the road leading to Dr. Rhea's, the rest went on to Gasts tavern. They went but a short distance, when they all came together again & met with Harry Woodward's son and old Mc-Lemores son & son-in-law Smith all together. They halted them & with the force of arms & numbers they were all three robbed of what money they had on their persons. They took Mc-Lemores horse & in exchange gave him a poor skeleton faded blind horse, he had a 50 dollar bill & some small change which amounted in all to near 60 dollars. They emptied his pocket book, then return it. They called for Smith's pocket-book, it contained 53 dollars which he had just received for wheat that he had sold at Auburn. They divested it of all its valuables & then politely handed it back. We did not learn the exact amount which they took from Woodward, but they took all he had in his possession & his fine shawl, & then moved on. After going a few miles they met with the old man Mc-Lemore who is near 70 years old.



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They ordered him to pilot them to Woodward's lane, & because he was slow about turning to obey their orders one of them hit him on the back of his head with the butt end of his pistol;— They demanded his pocket book. He had but three dollars, they took them & returned the empty book. Churchill Blakey was near by, when they struck the old man & he begged of them not to injure him, or his neighbors would have to suffer for it. The reader may understand that Mc-Lemore is good for the Union, & has been beat once before this, for being too liberal with his Ideas. And Churchill is Rebel & most of his neighbors are. They took Churchill's Shawl.

We learned from a passenger that this same company went this morning to Woodburn & burnt the Depot, with a quantity of Government supplies & robbed the stores of such things as they wanted. A number of them had new boots swung to their saddles as they passed thro' our streets. So they go in broad day light with the boldness of so many fiends.

About four O'Clock this evening a company

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of 24 Cavalry (Federal) of Col. Maxwell's men from Bowling Green appeared in the street, they halted in front of the Center House, & made some inquiry about the Rebs or Guerillas. They seemed in earnest, & determined, if possible to overtake them. After they had obtained all the information we could give, they hastened on. They had the young McLeomore to pilot them. A little while after the Feds left, the poor old man McLeomore came by with his poor nag & told the Brethren what had happened him & showed him the lump on the back of his head where they struck him.

Later in the evening, about six O'Clock, another company of 25 Federals from Bowling Green, of Col Maxwell's men, appeared in front of the Center House. They enquired about the guerillas. They also were intent, & eager after the robbers. Our folks hastily distributed some apples among them. They did not tarry but hastened on.

To day Friend Minnis & his Lady from Clarksville, brought to us two little girls. The eldest is near six years old, her name is Sarah Ann Stafford. The youngest was four years



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old in June last, her name is Nancy Rebecca Stafford. Their Mother died of small pox & their Father is in the War.

21<sup>st</sup> Sabbath. Mer. 65 deg at sun rise. Cloudy and drizzling rain. We had our one O'clock meeting at home.

The sickness of Chills, fever & flux has not abated as yet, as one company gets better, another is taken down, or the same relapses back again. Margery Martin was suddenly struck with something like sun stroke or paralytic affection. Sally McComb to a relapse & is very bad to day, had a hard chill four hours, then a high fever. Melissa M— has been trying to keep up with the flux or diarrhoea.

22<sup>nd</sup> Monday. Last night Aunt Jennie & Bob were very much frightened, with some three or more men trying to get into their house. When they asked who was there, & what was wanting they would not speak. Bob got his axe & placed himself near the door, to be ready to meet them if they forced the door open. They walked off a few steps & talked together for awhile. They could hear their voices

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but not their words.

While Brother Urban was out in the country yesterday, he heard it rumored, that the Federals who passed here; at one Harris's came upon the guerillas some ten miles from here at one Harris's, while they were eating supper. They killed four of them, took some prisoners & captured some horses.

23<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday. Today at about half after eleven O'clock a company of 47 Cavalry of Captain Pages Regiment, passed thro' our street going East. They are from Hopkinsville Ky. Again about two O'clock P.M. an Army wagon & a company of 27 Cavalry passed thro' our Village going East or up the Country from here.

24<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. To day a small company of Sisters went to Bowling Green on a pleasure excursion, viz: Charity Hilton, Sally Arnold, Lucy Shackelford, Virginia Breedlove, Alice Aden. Brother Lorenzo drove the Carriage. Each Sister paid 75 cents for notions & Lorenzo paid for candy to divide around the little company; they seemed to have taken a good degree of comfort in their trip.



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Here at home, we had nearly 40 of the Gentiles gallanting over our Town seeking pleasure. We have passed over very few days this summer without a company of outsiders parading around over the premises to see & of course to be seen. They come in companies on the Cars to this place, from ten or up to fifty at a time.

25<sup>th</sup> Thursday. We are informed that yesterday a company of ten guerillas were seen at Galway's about four miles from this place. They enquired the way to South Union. And last night they appeared at Auburn & robbed Gordens store again, then went to Woods store & demanded of the young man who attends there, to hand up the \$400 which he had in his possession. He denied having that amount. They told him they knew he had that amount, & he had better hand it up. He drew a small roll of Green backs from his pocket & handed it to them. They said, this is not all; we will have the rest, with threats which forced the young man to hand forth his pocket book with the whole amount. They then in like manner de-

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handed his gold watch. He again denied having a gold watch. They led him out of the store, he asked them what they were going to do with him. They replied, that they were going to have that watch. Perhaps he thought it would be the best policy to give it up. He told them to wait on him a few minutes, & he went to his dwelling house & got it & handed it up to them. I am told that this man who was made to hand up his valuables, is a thorough going Rebel. They then went to Harry Woodward & called for his fine horse, but happily for him, his son had that day rode the horse to Hartford which defeated the robbers.

26<sup>th</sup> Friday. To day a man whose name is Everett came up from Clarksville on the morning Train. He brought to us a little Motherless girl, whose name is Marian, T. Jolly. But we conclude to call her Marian Thompson Avery. She was born January 31<sup>st</sup> 1861.

27<sup>th</sup> Saturday. To day just as the clock struck two 10 Cavalry came in sight & passed thro' our street going East. In about 15 minutes 40 more came on; we learned from them that



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that a large company of Colonel Hobson's men would be along here this evening. They stopped at Wilson's Hill & took two horses from Hiram Wilson. They came on to Wm McCutcheon & took his fine Mules worth \$400. On they came & two of them who had put on a dress of buttermilk, or a Confederate Garb, they took off on the road to Dr Rhea's; they went to the horse lot & led out his fine stable horse. Rhea thinking they were guerillas & perhaps some of the same who visited him a few nights ago, he feared to approach them lest he might receive a bullet. He requested a young man whose name is Hopkins to go out & save his horse. Hopkins asked him what he might say to him. Rhea replied, you may say any thing you please so you save my horse. Hopkins walked out to the men & spoke in the usual manner for strangers. Then he asked them to whose Army do you belong. They replied, to Adam Johnsons. Hopkins said, Well, I think you ought not to take the Dr's horse, for he is a good Southern man. This seemed to tickle them, & only made the matter worse for Rhea.

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They took the horse & galloped off. Hervey saw them emerging from the woods to join their companions in arms, & asked some of the rest, if those two men were guerillas or Federals, they said smilingly they are good Union soldiers. The old man came over here puffing & blowing about his fine horse; said he would not have taken \$500 for it. He related the whole story to the brethren. After the soldiers had told it. Some of the brethren enquired of Col. Bristow about it. He was very much diverted, said they were good Union soldiers. Then smilingly remarked we have to do so sometimes.

I could not help sympathizing for the old man & I grieve to know our Country is in such a lawless condition & to see so much injury inflicted on innocent unoffending persons. Yet with all my sympathy I could not help reflecting back at the time he rode around & pointed out our new wagon, to the rebels, who were pressing wagons & horses, when rebel rule bore sway in this part of Ky. His chick-ens as well as many others are now coming home to roast. And what seems to me the



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the most unaccountable is, that such ones will come straight here to us & relate over their grievances & implore the assistance of our people to help them out of their trouble.

Hiram Wilson followed the army to this place, but the soldiers were gone with his horses.

The poor man made me sorry, for he looked as if he was bewildered & did not know which way to turn. He stood in our street fronting the Center house. He would start forward, then halt & turn around, then start back, finally he said he would follow them to Bowling Green, & do his best to regain his horses.

Doctor Rhea followed after the soldiers for some miles, but returned late when it was almost dark without his horse.

As the Col. & his staff came by, & were turning towards the well for water; they saw Lysander Raley (a hired youth) sitting on the fence with our boys with a red Prince Feather sticking in his hat. Hobson spoke as one having authority & told him to take that red blossom from his hat or he would arrest him. Then he ordered them all to get off the fence. He then turned to Bro<sup>r</sup> Eli Mc & asked him what

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Lysander was. Eli told him he was a good Union man, & a clever like youth. The Col. said, all is right. By this I am informed that those red feathers, ribbons or blossoms are emblems which indicate the wearer to be a rebel or rebel sympathizer. The youth said he had learned a lesson now. That he wanted to try them to see what they would do.

28<sup>th</sup> Sabbath. We are informed that the balance of the Army camped at Auburn last night & will be along here to day. Sure enough about half after eight O'clock, A. M. they made their appearance, the first we saw was driving about 50 head of good looking Beef cattle & so they moved on, one company after another & one drove of cattle after another, untill something over one hundred & fifty good looking Beeves had passed. Elder Hervey said to some of them as they rode by you've certainly been making a raid. One replied we have been Adam Johnsoning it, & so moved on. Some others said they had captured those Beeves from Adam Johnsons-querillas. Others said they had taken them from Adam & Eve. It would be difficult to sift the truth from their stories. Especially since we know they are



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taking horses from citizens without any compensation. But so far as we can learn they have only taken horses from those who are rebels or rebel sympathizers. They say they have 100 rebel prisoners below here at Hopkinsville, Ky, awaiting transportation up to head quarters. They kept on passing in companies & squads untill about half after 10 O'Clock. They had two flags to the breeze, but they were so worn & weather beaten we could not see what letter was on them. They had two baggage wagons & four ambulances to carry the sick & wounded. Those who passed yesterday had 3 flags to the breeze with the letters F. I. H. They also had two baggage wagons & four Ambulances.

There were a great many little negroes galloping along with the rest, some of the companies moved along very quiet & civil, - others went dashing by, screaming at the top of their voices, like so many foul fiends. Some jumped over the fence into the gardens and grabbed sweet potatoes & pulled melons, &c; This is the way we pass our Sabbath days & cannot help ourselves.

We attended our Church meeting at the usual

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hour, (one O'clock) at the Meeting house & had a comfortable meeting considering the times, we sung, then marched & danced, then set out the benches & seated ourselves & sung some & then Elder Robinson gave a very appropriate sermon, which if lived strictly to the letter would be a benefit to each & all who will do it.

29<sup>th</sup> Monday. About 12 O'clock to day 26 Soldiers and 12 forage wagons passed thro' our Village going West. The Quartermaster's name is Barr. This evening about six O'clock a company of 225 Cavalry came up & called at the Office for a lot to bivouac for the night & to be furnished with forage for their horses. Bro<sup>r</sup> Urban begged of them to go on a few miles where there was both Oats & Hay, for sale, that we had not more than a supply, & to spare us for this time, for we had been so much oppressed with such calls, &c. Well, they started on, & when they got fronting the ~~Center House~~ East family's barn lot, they opened the gate & rode in without any ceremony. When Elder William spoke to them they replied, they were going no further to night. They struck camp & soon had their campfires all aglow, round in the barn lot & others



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adjoining around the pond. Six of the Officers came back to the Office & ate their supper, and eleven soldiers went to the Center house & called for supper & were accommodated. The main body cooked their own supper by their little fires at the East family's Barn & horse lots. Some stragglers who passed thro' at a late hour & got no attention, (perhaps were drunk) became furious as they rode by they cursed us for a set of d-d Secessionists, & said this place ought to be burnt out, & it would be yet. Another, as he rode along, was heard to say, that he believed we were a d-d set of Rebels, who cared nothing about the sufferings of poor soldiers. I am told they set pickets out in all directions to keep their own soldiers from stealing; but, notwithstanding, some of them got into the sweet Potatoe patch, & grabbed about 100 hills. They also got into the melon patch, & destroyed all the Melons.

About 7 O'Clock P.M. Barr the Quarter Master with his company of 26 Soldiers returned and camped at the head of the Mill pond. So we had soldiers East & West of us & rebel sympathizers all around us.

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30<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. We furnished breakfast for 17 Soldiers this morning, from the West end of the road. It was near 8 O'Clock before the Hay wagons left our street.

This evening Captain Vanpelt of the 48<sup>th</sup> Ky, with a company of 40 Cavalry passed thro' our village from the upper part of this State. They called for a lot & pressed forage for their horses, but made no demand for eatables for the men. They bivouaced at the head of our mill pond. Col. Vanpelt told Elder Hervey that Col. Maxwell had received a Telegram from Galliton, yesterday, that the rebel general Wheeler with 3000 men had taken Lebanon Tenn, & was expected at Galliton. It was thought he would endeavour to cut the Nashville R.R. some where between Bowling Green & Clarksville. He would not be surprised if Southern Ky, was overrun by them in a few days. He said I will tell you this, but I cannot tell that big man he appears so nervous.

31<sup>st</sup> Wednesday. The soldiers left at day light, without any further demands.

The Express Agent has written to B<sup>r</sup> Urban, to be sure & secure his express books & accounts



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for there is trouble ahead anticipated.

The Louisville Journal states that Wheelers with 6000 rebels have taken possession of Galliton, Tenn. & Southern Ry may soon be overran.

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4<sup>th</sup> Thursday. To day a man from Auburn informed us that Auburn had been visited again by robbers this week. The Merchants there are selling out at Auction, & do not intend to bring on any more goods untill there is a change in the times. We are also informed that Stokes & Smoot who reside at our depot, do not intend to buy any thing but Groceries while affairs are so uncertain & robbers so numerous.

A little after two O'Clock P.M. a large body of Cavalry appeared in our street moving on from the West to the East or to B. Green. They are the men who have been scouting after Adam Johnson's guerillas. These soldiers are of Col Cyder's Regiment, commanded in this expedition by Col. Sam. Johnson. He says there are between seven & eight hundred will pass thro' this place this evening. They had a drove of 150 horses, which he said he

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had captured with Adam Johnson's whole command. He said 100 of his men were surrounded by 800 of Adams's rebels & this men fought their way thro' their lines, & escaped to their own company.

A large company halted at our well to get some cool water, & a goodly number went to the Center Kitchen for a hunch in their hands. They had but one little flag to the breeze. They had 3 Ambulances for the sick & wounded & ten wagons to haul their baggage & provisions. About four O'Clock P.M. scarcely an hour had elapsed from the time the street was clear of the other company, till another company of 40 Cavalry appeared coming down from above, going down to Hopkinsville. Captain Burge is their Commander. They had two baggage wagons.

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday. To day a quarter before 9 O'Clock A.M. another company of 30 Cavalry & one baggage wagon passed thro' our village going West.

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Mer. 77 deg at sun rise. It rose to 99 deg at two O'Clock P.M.

4<sup>th</sup> Sabbath. Mer. 74 deg at sun rise. It rose to 97 deg at one O'Clock.



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The first thing I noticed when I stepped out of the car was the cold. It was a sharp contrast to the warm blanket I had been sitting under. I looked up at the sky, which was a pale, overcast grey. The trees around me were bare, their branches reaching out like skeletal fingers. I took a deep breath, the air crisp and clean. I felt a sense of peace, a moment of stillness in a world that was always in motion. I walked slowly, my boots crunching on the fallen leaves. The sun was hidden behind a thick layer of clouds, but I could feel its warmth. I thought about the journey I had just completed, the challenges I had overcome, and the person I had become. I felt proud, not just of what I had achieved, but of the resilience I had shown. I knew that this was only the beginning, that there were more adventures waiting for me. I smiled, a small, private smile that only I could see. I was ready for whatever came next.

we left - while water on the <sup>reel</sup> 30<sup>th</sup>  
for Connor village we left old Charles  
feeling very different - and he <sup>showed</sup> manifested  
a very friendly behavior spirit - toward Ed  
and him and conditions there were very  
satisfactory to all concerned therefore  
~~some~~ as one good mother old  
Charles remarked once when getting  
in

carriage



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